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In the kingdom of Paros, the princess Erminia has been ordered by her father the king to wed her foster brother, Yurias. At this time, Erminia has a fateful encounter with the unfortunate beautiful maiden Fiona, and [illegible]

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[Gentle Beautiful Child + 50 Storms]
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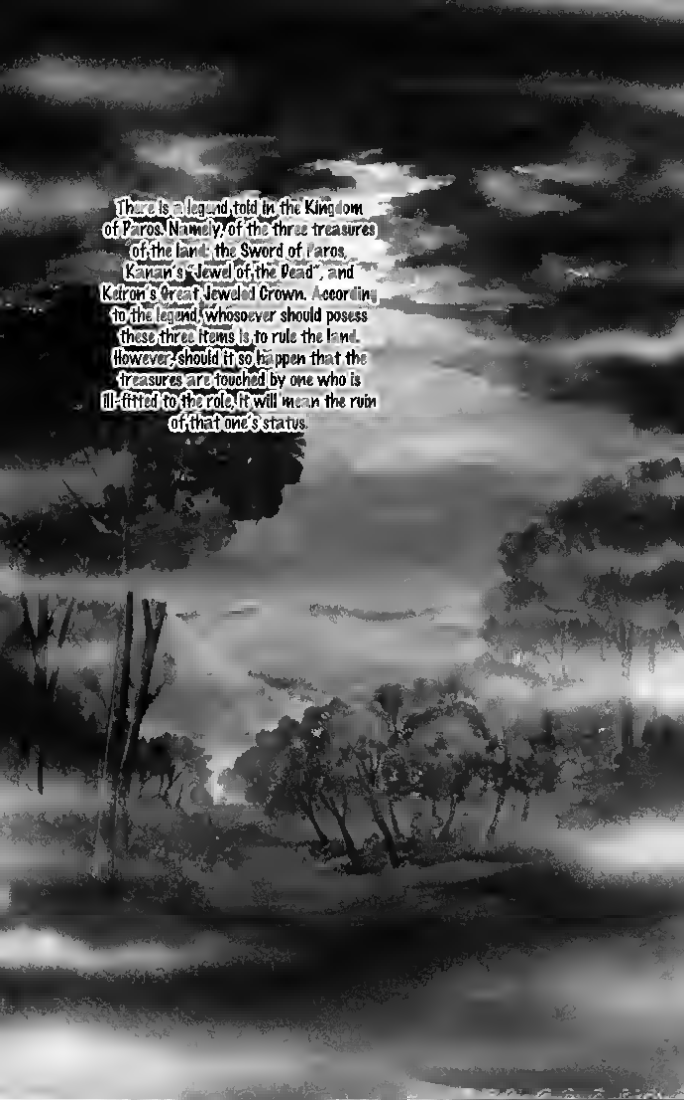
There is a legend told in the Kingdom of Paros. Namely, of the three treasures of the land: the Sword of Paros, Kanan's "Jewel of the Dead", and Ketron's Great Jeweled Crown. According to the legend, whosoever should posess these three items is to rule the land. However, should it so happen that the treasures are touched by one who is ill-fitted to the role, it will mean the ruin of that one's status.

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This is the saga of the Royal Court at the end of the Fourth Dynasty of Paros, the kingdom which possessed the Sword of Paros and was known as "The Kingdom of the Sword." It is the tale of their princess.

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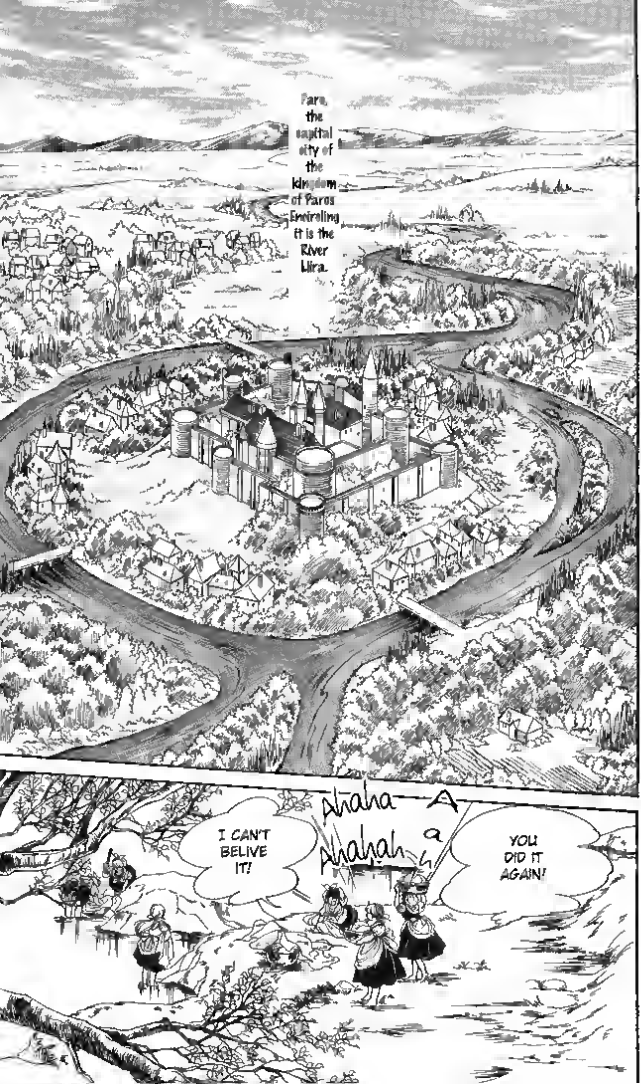
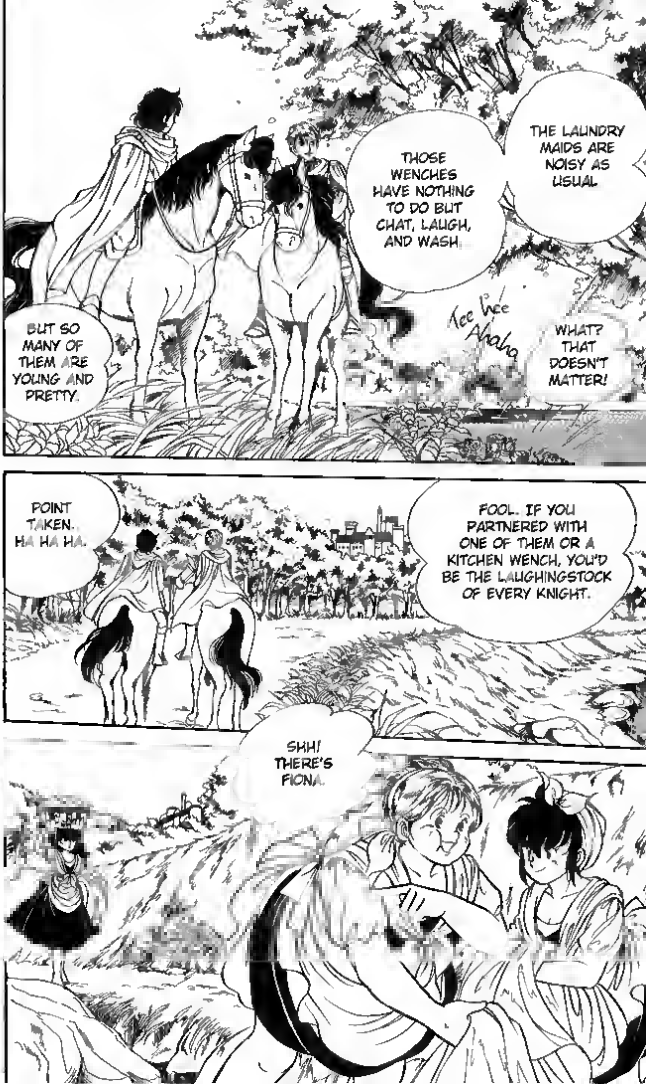
Long ago, when an untouchable darkness reigned over Paros, King Aldius of Paros had a single beautiful daughter. This princess' name was Erminia——

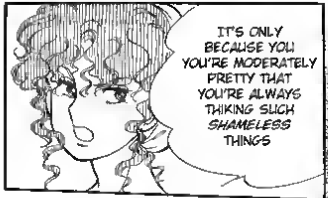

Paro, the capital city of the kingdom of Paros Encircling it is the River Lira.
I CAN'T BELIVE IT!
Ahaha
Ahaha
YOU DID IT AGAIN!


THE LAUNDRY MAIDS ARE NOISY AS USUAL
THOSE WENCHES HAVE NOTHING TO DO BUT CHAT, LAUGH, AND WASH.
Ace Wee Ahaha
WHAT? THAT DOESN'T MATTER!
BUT SO MANY OF THEM ARE YOUNG AND PRETTY.
FOOL. IF YOU PARTNERED WITH ONE OF THEM OR A KITCHEN WENCH, YOU'D BE THE LAUGHINGSTOCK OF EVERY KNIGHT.
POINT TAKEN. HA HA HA.
SHH! THERE'S FIONA.

WHAT? HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED?
JUST ANOTHER FIONA RUMOR.
YOU SURE ARE STRANGE!
Ha ha ha ha
NO KIDDING IS THERE!
Ha ha
THERE ISN'T!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE AT YOUR AGE WHO STILL SPEAKS SUCH DREAM-LIKE NONSENSE
THINKING YOU'LL HAVE A FORTUNATE MARRIAGE WITH A PRINCE WHO'LL FALL FOR YOU AT FIRST SIGHT.

OH? AND JUST WHO'S THE ONE WHO SAID SHE BELIEVES IN PRINCE CHARMING?
I.. I'M NOT ALL THAT STRANGE


IT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU YOU'RE MODERATELY PRETTY THAT YOU'RE ALWAYS THIKING SUCH SHAMELESS THINGS

STRAIGHT INTO THE GENER-ATION OF HER GRAND-KIDS
RIGHT. A LAUNDRY MAID CAN WAIT FOREVER, AND SHE'LL STILL BE A LAUN-DRY MAID!

ONE'S FACE MAKES NO DIFFERENCE. EVEN IF SHE'S UGLY. A PRINCESS IS BORN A PRINCESS. AND THAT'S THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I...

COME ON, MIA, LALA... THAT ISN'T WHAT I MEANT.
I've never even seen her face!
YOU BETTER NOT! BECAUSE I WON'T STAND FOR ANY BADMOUTHING OF THE PRINCESS!
NOW, IDA! ARE YOU IMPLYING SOMETHING ABOUT OUR PRINCESS!?
Eek!
I WAS JUST SAYING THAT FIONA WAS AN IDIOT FOR THINKING THAT A PRINCE WOULD FALL IN LOVE WITH HER, THAT'S ALL!
Hmm
THAT'S WHY EVERYONE THINKS SHE'S A *SIMPLETON!*
FIONA WILL ALWAYS BE STANDING AT THE TOP OF SOME HILL, CHEWING HER HAIR, THINKING SOMETHING IDIOTIC
CHOMP

I'M SAYING THIS OUT OF KINDNESS.
YOU HAVEN'T GOT A MOTHER OR A FATHER,
SO STOP LIVING IN THE CLOUDS. YOU NEED TO HURRY UP AND BECOME THE WIFE OF SOME CHEF'S APPRENTICE OR A YOUNG SOLDIER OR SOMETHING
EVERYONE JUST PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE...
PLEASE... LEAVE ME ALONE...
WELL, OF COURSE. THE KITCHEN BOY LENA LIKES IS MORE INTERESTED IN FIONA
Mumble
Whisper
LENA'S A LITTLE DRAMATIC NOT TO MENTION PERSISTANT
IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL DIE AND BE EATEN BY DOGS! AND NOBODY'S GOING TO CARE ABOUT IT!

What are you doing there?
Who s in here?
Are you a prince?
I JUST WANT TO SEE THAT PERSON ONE MORE TIME.
THAT'S ALL THAT'S THE REASON I KEEP GOING

IT'S A RUN-AWAY HORSE!

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FIONA!
FIONA!

GALLOP
FIONA!
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THU
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, M'LADY? ARE YOU HURT AT ALL?

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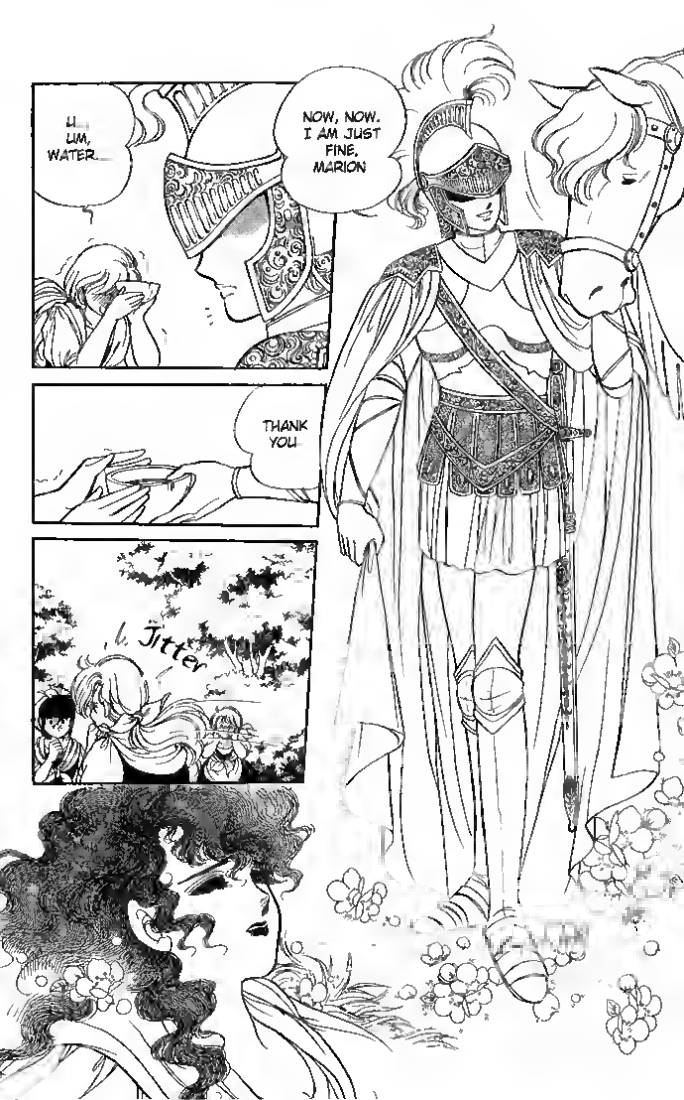
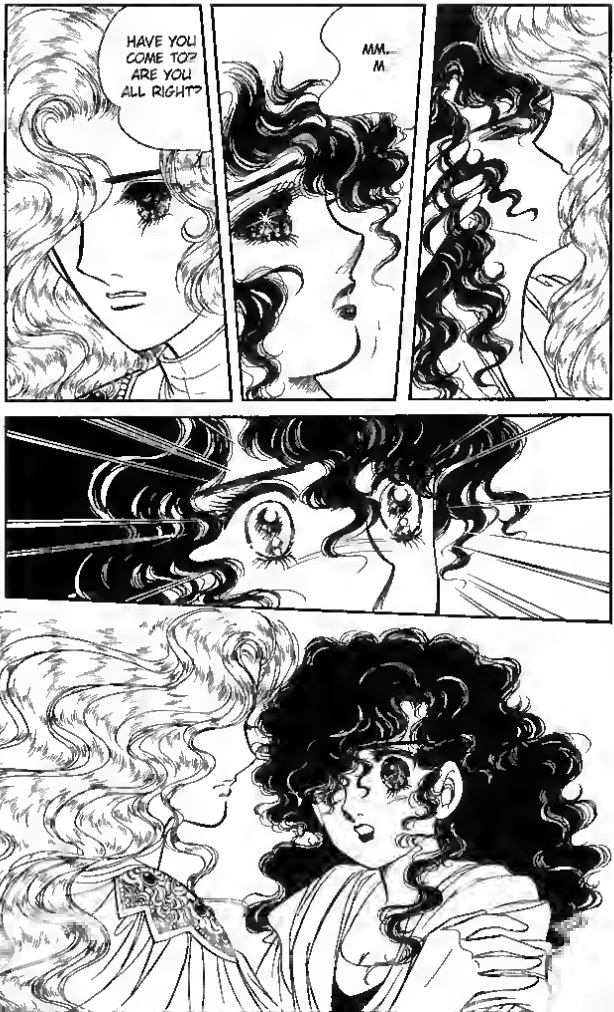
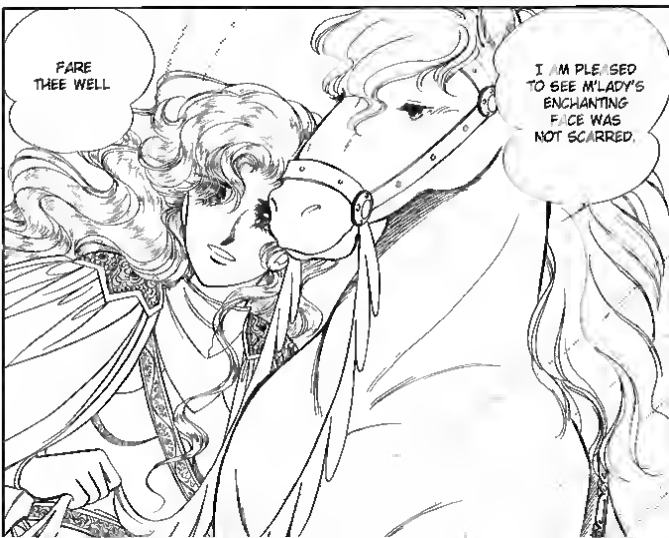

UH... UM, WATER...
NOW, NOW. I AM JUST FINE, MARION
THANK YOU
Jitter

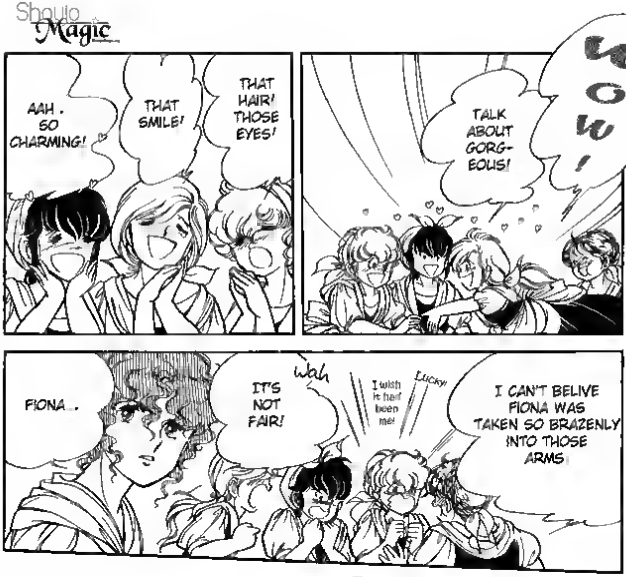
TUMBLE


HAVE YOU COME TO? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MM... M

YOU APPEAR TO BE UNHURT I AM GLAD.
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE FRIGHTENED. I MUST APOLOGIZE. IT WAS DUE TO MY CLUMSINESS THAT THE HORSE I WAS TRAINING ESCAPED.
AH... IT'S OKAY...


I AM PLEASED TO SEE M'LADY'S ENCHANTING FACE WAS NOT SCARRED.
FARE THEE WELL.

I APOLOGIZE FOR THE UNPLEASANT SHOCK...
AWAY, MARION!


AAH. SO CHARMING!
THAT SMILE!
THAT HAIR! THOSE EYES!
TALK ABOUT GORG-EOUS!
WOW!
FIONA.
IT'S NOT FAIR!
Wah
I wish it had been me!
Lucky!
I CAN'T BELIVE FIONA WAS TAKEN SO BRAZENLY INTO THOSE ARMS!

I KNOW...
FIONA... IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD HAVE FORGOTTEN...
I... KNOW THAT PERSON. I KNEW WITH JUST ONE GLANCE.

IT'S HIM . MY PRINCE CHARMING... MY KNIGHT ON A WHITE HORSE
I KNEW . THAT I WOULD SEE HIM AGAIN ONE DAY
I'VE LIVED THE WAY I HAVE BECAUSE I KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME.
FIONA! STOP DAY DREAMING OUT LOUD!
GRAB

"MY PRINCE CHARMING"? "KNIGHT ON A WHITE HORSE"? YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.
AS SIMPLE A CHILD AS YOU ARE, I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE YOU DIDN'T RECOGNIZE WHO THAT WAS...
THIS GIRL IS A BONAFIED IDIOT I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS *THIS* BAD...
Oh, geez!
YOU DON'T KNOW!? YOU DON'T KNOW! I'M COMPLETELY AMAZED!
THERE ISN'T EVEN A RUMOR, AND FAR LESS LIKELY A REALITY, WHERE THE LADY PRINCESS WOULD GIVE A SECOND GLANCE TO A LOW CLASS IDIOT LIKE YOU
THAT PERSON WAS NONE OTHER THAN THE PRINCESS OF OUR KINGDOM AND HEIR TO THE ENTIRE LAND, LADY ERMINIA!

I'VE NEVER SEEN HER SO UP CLOSE BEFORE!
THAT'S RIGHT LADY ERMINIA THE SHREW.
SO THAT WAS PAROS' FAMOUS TOMBOY PRINCESS?
LADY... ERMINIA...
SHE WAS SO DAZZLING! SHE'S COMPLETELY LIKE A HANDSOME YOUNG MAN WHEN SHE'S ACTING LIKE A KNIGHT!
CUPI! OH, LET'S! ♡
C'MON, LET'S HURRY BACK AND TELL EVERYONE!
THE... PRIN... CESS...
NO, THE REAL QUESTION IS WHY IS SHE A WOMAN LIKE US INSTEAD OF A MAN?
I WONDER THAT SOMEONE LIKE HER EXISTS IN THIS WORLD
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT MYSELF!

LADY ERMINIA...

PRINCESS! PRINCESS!
OH, IT'S YOU, YURIAS...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALONE IN THIS KIND OF PLACE AGAIN! FATHER HAS AT LEAST TOLD YOU TO ALWAYS HAVE A GUARD WITH YOU.
I WILL NOT BE THE ONE AT WHOM YOUR FATHER, COUNT DARL, GETS ANGRY

YOU LIVE TO MAKE ME WORRY!
THAT IS THE SAME LINE YOU HAVE USED SINCE I WAS ORDERED TO BE YOUR GUARD WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD!
IF A MAN THAT STRONG DOES INDEED EXIST, I WILL CONCEDE TO BECOME HIS WIFE.
YOU LIVE TO WORRY. DO YOU THINK A MAN EXISTS AMONG OUR ENEMIES WHO CAN BEST ME?
ERMINIA

AFTER THE GREAT PAINS I TOOK, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST A BIT LONGER BEFORE SHE WAS TRAINED.
...IN THE END, I COULD NOT CATCH THE BLACK HORSE TAGON.
YOU CALL HER BY THE WRONG NAME. TAGON IS THE WIND AND THE WIND CAN NEVER BE TAMED BY HUMANS
THAT KIND OF UNMANAGEABLE CREATURE WOULD SOONER HURT HERSELF THAN BE BROKEN IN SUCH A CASE IT IS BEST TO GIVE UP

PRINCESS, HIS MAJESTY WILL NOT CONTINUE TO LET YOU LEAVE THE CASTLE GROUNDS AS YOU PLEASE AND IT IS NOT ONLY DUE TO THE IMMEDITATE POSSIBILITY OF WAR.

IT IS REGRETTABLE... IN BATTLE, IT IS THE HORSES WHICH ARE NOT FREE SPIRITS THAT BECOME FRIGHTENED. A FREE SPIRIT LIKE TAGON WOULD HAVE BEEN MOST MAGNIFICENT...
MARION IS TOO DOCILE

YOU DID IT AGAIN! I HAVE TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT I EXPECT AT LEAST YOU NOT TO CALL ME THAT!

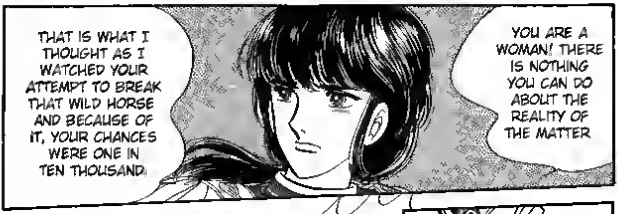
WHAT SUBJECT?
ERMINIA, IT IS IMPORTANT NOW THAT YOU DO NOT CHANGE THE SUBJECT...

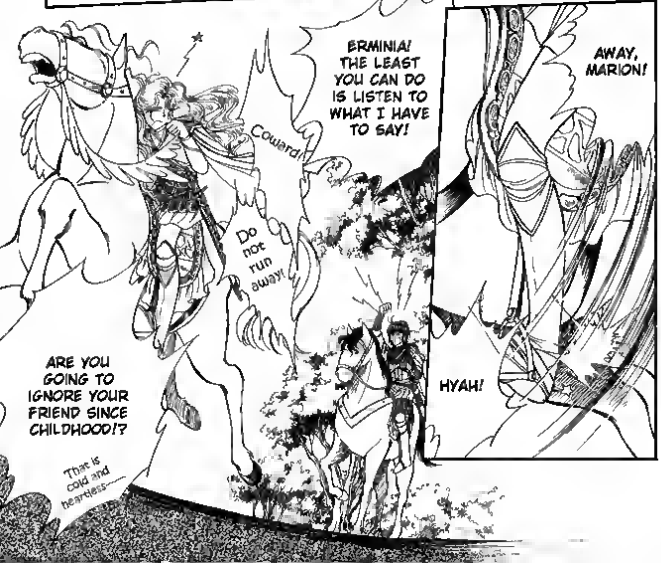
AND YOU ARE NEARLY EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.
YOU ARE THE ONLY DAUGHTER AND HEIR TO THE KINGDOM OF PAROS.
WITHOUT BEING TOLD!
I UNDERSTAND THAT MUCH
THIS SUBJECT BORES ME
YAWN
YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND! WHAT DID HIS MAJESTY TELL YOU THE OTHER DAY?
THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME YOU ARE GIVEN TO MATURE, YOU REFUSE TO BEHAVE AS A WOMAN, AND SO—
HE HAS SAID HE WILL FORCE A HUSBAND UPON YOU, IN HOPES THAT IT WILL ENCOURAGE YOU TO CHANGE——

I WAS BORN INTO THIS ROLE
PERHAPS I WAS PLACED UNDER A CURSE BY A BLACK MAGICIAN WITH A GRUDGE AGAINST THE KING, AND MADE TO CARRY THE HEARTS OF BOTH A MAN AND A WOMAN INSIDE ME
BUT IT IS FINE THIS WAY——
I AM SATISFIED TO LIVE MY LIFE THIS WAY!
YOU MUST WORK ON YOUR LISTENING SKILLS AS WELL ERMINIA
I WILL NEVER TAKE A HUSBAND!
THEN I APOLOGIZE FOR BORING YOU, BUT THIS REMAINS HIS MAJESTY'S INTENTION
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN EITHER THE CROWN OR MARRIAGE
I WOULD SOONER THE CROWN BE PASSED ON TO MY COUSIN ALDIA OR BRUS

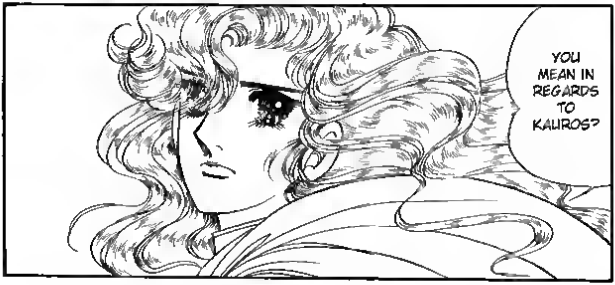
I AM RETURNING TO THE TWIN COURT!
I CAN BE NO ONE BUT MYSELF! AND YOU KNOW THIS ALREADY
IT IS NOT I WHO HAS SUDDENLY CHANGED!
YOU DID NOT MIND MY WAYS UP UNTIL TODAY, YURIAS!
WHILE IT MAY BE TRUE THAT YOU CAN BEST ANY MAN WITH SWORD OR ON HORSE, THAT DOES NOT CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE FEMININE FRAILTY.
PLEASE, CEASE! THIS "FEMININE FRAILTY" YOU SPEAK OF IS GOING TO MAKE ME VOMIT!
...I FELT CAUSE TO WORRY TODAY...
GIVE IT UP!

CHOOSE A DIFFERENT EXPRESSION. THAT ONE ANGERS ME.
HYSTE-RICAL..
DO NOT BE HYSTERICAL, AND LISTEN


THAT IS WHAT I THOUGHT AS I WATCHED YOUR ATTEMPT TO BREAK THAT WILD HORSE AND BECAUSE OF IT, YOUR CHANCES WERE ONE IN TEN THOUSAND.
YOU ARE A WOMAN! THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT THE REALITY OF THE MATTER


ERMINIA! THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY!
Coward!
Do not run away!
ARE YOU GOING TO IGNORE YOUR FRIEND SINCE CHILDHOOD!?
That is cold and heartless—
AWAY, MARION!
HYAH!

I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE POSITION THE KINGDOM OF PAROS IS PRESENTLY IN.
IT IS NOT JUST YOUR SWORD. YOUR MIND IS UNCOMMONLY STRONG AS WELL.
FINE, YURIAS I WILL LISTEN


YOU MEAN IN REGARDS TO KAUROS?

WOULD I MEAN ANY OTHER?

THERE HAS BEEN A LONG HISTORY OF DISPUTES WITH OUR NEIGHBORING KINGDOM OF KAUROS
WHILE IT ADMITTEDLY IS A SHAME, THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT THE NATIONAL POWER OF KAUROS EXCEEDS OURS IN THE SOUTH.
AND PAROS HAS NO MALE TO SUCCEED AS HEIR
IF WHAT WE FEAR DOES INDEED OCCUR, THEN KAUROS WILL WASTE NO TIME IN ATTACKING. AND YOU KNOW THIS

WHEN THERE IS NO INDICATION OF WAR, IT MEANS ONE IS IMPENDING ANY WAR NOW WOULD NOT BE A SURPRISE.
THEIR KINGDOM HAS WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS CHANCE.
I UNDERSTAND THAT, YURIAS—
IT'S BECAUSE I HAVE CONSIDERATION FOR MY POSITION THAT I TRY TO BE THE WAY I AM, OR HAVE YOU NOT NOTICED, YURIAS!?
YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND! PERHAPS IF YOU HAD SOME CONSIDERATION FOR YOUR POSITION, THEN——
..?

HE IS SCHEMING TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE ENTIREY OF PAROS WITHOUT FIGHTING, USING THE CONVENTION OF MARRIAGE
THE KING OF KAIROS HAS PROPOSED COUNTLESS TIMES TO MAKE HIS THIRD SON, PHAON, THE SON-IN-LAW OF THE KINGDOM OF PAROS THROUGH MARRIAGE TO ME.
MEANING I UNDERSTAND THAT PAROS, AS IT IS NOW, LACKS THE POWER TO PUSH ITS REFUSAL ON PAIN OF WAR.
MY FATHER WILL EVENTUALLY RUN OUT OF EXCUSES TO REFUSE, AND THEN WE WILL HAVE A PROBLEM.
...

THEN YOU IMPLY THAT——
ERMINIA! IS THAT HOW IT IS?
HOWEVER, SHOULD IT REACH THE EAR OF THE KING OF KAUROS THAT "THE PRINCESS OF PAROS WAS BORN IN SUCH A WAY THAT ONE COULD NOT EXACTLY CALL HER A WOMAN"——
VOOSH
DO NOT MISUNDERTAND ME, YURIAS!
Ahahahaha
NOT TO SAY THAT I HAVE NOT THOUGHT ABOUT IT THAT WAY.
BUT MY HEART TRULY WAS MISPLACED BY THE GOD YANUS INTO THE BODY OF A WOMAN

I WOULD BE FAR HAPPIER TO TAKE A WIFE.
HEY, ERMINIA!
JUST THE TOUCH OF A MAN IS ENOUGH TO MAKE MY SKIN CRAWL!
Aha ha ha
You
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, I SAW THE MOST DARLING CREATURE BEFORE I THINK SHE WAS A LAUNDRY MAID, BUT SHE WAS MY POLAR OPPOSITE.
JUST LIKE A FIELD FLOWER.
SHE WAS SMALL, CUTE, AND SEEMED MEEK

IF I WERE TO INDEED TAKE A WIFE, THAT IS THE KIND OF GIRL I WOULD WANT...
EVEN IF IT IS WRONG, I AM SORRY BUT I COULD NEVER TAKE SOMEONE LIKE MYSELF!
ENOUGH OF THIS TRITE BANTER, YURIAS I SHALL RACE YOU TO THE CASTLE!

WAIT! ERMINIA, THE ROAD THAT WAY IS DARK AND UNSAFE!
ERMINIA!
HEY! HOLD UP!
AM I TO SUFFER THESE INDIGNITIES FOREVER?
SHE IS NEVER GOING TO LISTEN TO A THING I SAY

IS THAT NOT THE GIRL FROM YESTERDAY?
!
SPLASH
SE?

AGAIN WITH THE CAPRICIOUSNESS!
I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO HER FOR A MOMENT. YOU CAN GO ON AHEAD OF ME.
FINE, FINE THEN PLEASE JUST UNFASTEN YOURSELF FROM MY SIDE FOR A WHILE.
THE PRINCESS IS COMING THIS WAY..!
vsh

panic
What'll I do?
Panic
Panic
What'll I do?
Panic
Panic
Panic
rustle
Oh, no!
Ack!
Aahh!

WHAT DID THEY SAY YOUR NAME WAS?
WHY ARE YOU SO FRANTIC? ARE THE OTHER MAIDS NOT HERE TODAY?
I- I BEG YOUR FORGIVE-NESS ..
UM ..
THERE IS NO NEED TO STAND ON SUCH CEREMONY WE ARE THE ONLY ONES HERE
I SUPPOSE YOU KNOW WHO I AM, THEN?
U-UM
I . I AM FIONA, YOUR MAJESTY
WHAT DO YOU DO— WITH THESE?
YES, UM . YOU ARE HER MAJESTY PRINCESS ERMINIA.

IT REALLY IS NOT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO BE SO TENSE.
I WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU WITH THESE

I- I HUMBLY WASH THEM!
Please don't touch them or your hands will get dirty..!

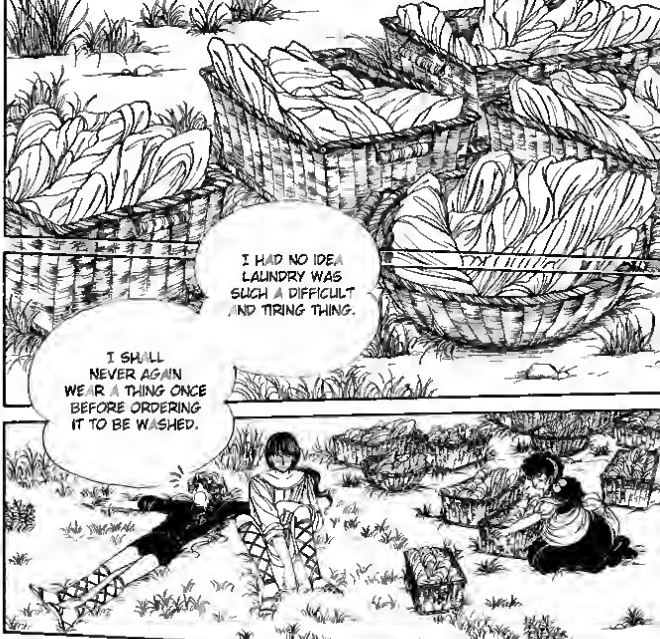
I'LL BE KILLED! PLEASE FORGIVE ME, YOUR MAJESTY!
I- I COULDN'T ALLOW THAT! NOT MY EXALTED PRINCESS!

...
TREMBLE
FIONA, I AM THE ONE SAYING I WILL HELP. WHOM DO YOU FEAR YOU WILL ANGER?
SHOCK

AND AS PUNISHMENT FOR DIRTYING YOUR MAJESTY'S NOBLE HAND I MUST DO ALL OF THE LAUNDRY ALONE TODAY...
Y- YOU SAVED A LOWLY PEASANT LIKE ME FROM A RUNAWAY HORSE.
FIONA WHAT IS THE MATTER? TELL ME
THIS IS AN ORDER!
WAS IT THE OTHER LAUNDRY MAIDS WHO SAID YOU MUST DO THIS?
ERMINIA?
WE WILL WASH ALL OF THIS. HELP ME.
YURIAS! YURIAS, PLEASE COME HERE!

AS KNIGHTS, IT IS BOTH OUR DUTY AND OUR PLEASURE TO AID A LADY IN DISTRESS. NOW, HELP ME
IF I LET YOU DO THIS, THE KING WILL HAVE MY HEAD!
THEN YOU BEST WORK HARD, SO I DO LESS.
M'LADY, LADY FIONA.
YOUR FAITHFUL KNIGHT ERMINIA HAS COME TO AID HER PRINCESS.

I HOPE NOBODY SEES THIS. YURIAS, VISCOUNT OF DARL, DOING LAUNDRY.
Why am I doing this?!!
IT SEEMS I HAVE NO CHOICE
Yick
COME!
COME NOW, SHOW ME HOW TO DO THIS
No, you have to
Like this?
I WOULD DO THIS FOR NONE BUT YOUR SAKE
MY LADY PRINCESS LADY ERMINIA


I HAD NO IDEA LAUNDRY WAS SUCH A DIFFICULT AND TIRING THING.
I SHALL NEVER AGAIN WEAR A THING ONCE BEFORE ORDERING IT TO BE WASHED.

FIONA— WHAT DO YOUR PARENTS DO?
OF COURSE I WILL KEEP IT A SECRET!
I would never admire to this
WE SHALL LET THIS BE OUR LITTLE SECRET, RIGHT, YURIAS?
I'M SORRY I'M VERY SORRY I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...

I'M SIXTEEN. I THINK.
THEN YOU ARE ALONE HOW OLD ARE YOU?
THEY'VE BEEN DEAD FOR A LONG TIME.
TWO YEARS MY JUNIOR. NOT EVEN MY AGE... AND SO UNFORTUNATE.
I AM TO BE TORTURED WITH ANOTHER LECTURE ABOUT SUPPLYING MY FATHER WITH A SON-IN-LAW
I THINK I SHALL GO CRAZY IF I RETURN TO THE CASTLE.
ERMINIA, IT IS TIME WE RETURNED TO THE CASTLE. HIS MAJESTY HAS SAID THERE IS SOMETHING HE MUST DISCUSS WITH YOU, HAS HE NOT?

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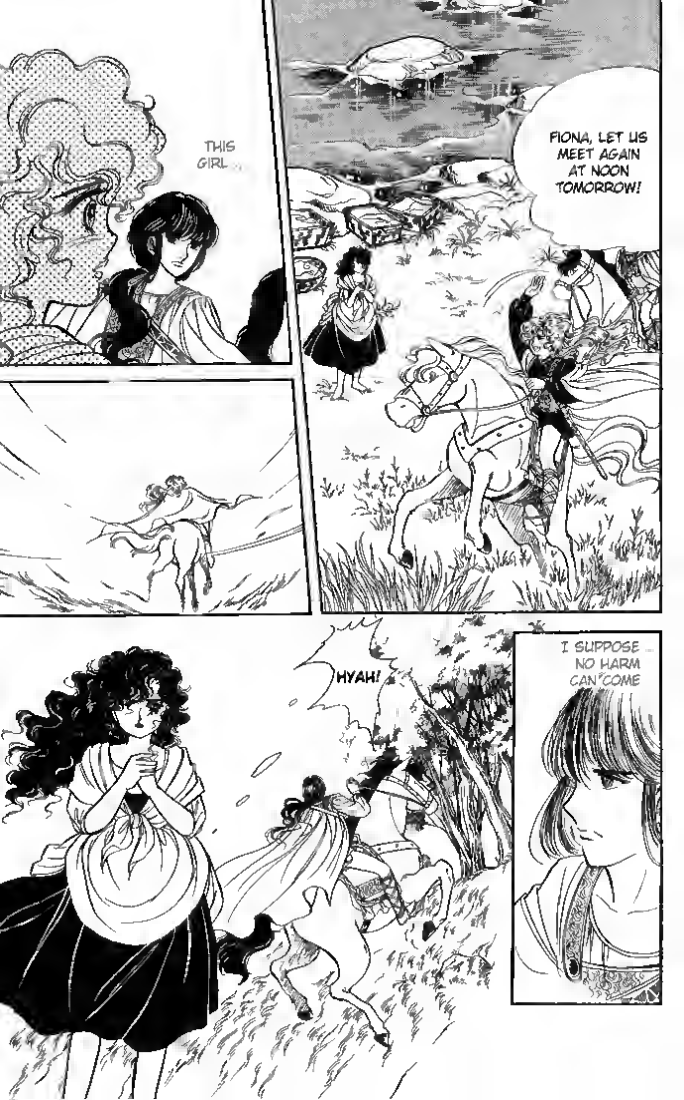
I... I CANNOT ACCEPT THIS!
LADY PRINCESS!
IT WILL HEAL YOUR SORE HANDS QUICKLY
FIONA.. YOU SHOULD USE THIS MEDICINE
PLEASE CALL ME ERMINIA NOW I MUST AWAY!
I SHALL BECOME ANGRY IF YOU REFER TO ME AS "LADY PRINCESS"
ERMINIA...


THIS GIRL...
FIONA, LET US MEET AGAIN AT NOON TOMORROW!
I SUPPOSE NO HARM CAN COME
HYAH!

CHANGE CLOTHES? What part of them?
MY LADY, HIS MAJESTY HAS BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME NOW
I KNOW THAT! IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO CHANGE MY CLOTHES
LADY ERMINIA HAS ARRIVED.
CREAK

I WANT THE PRINCE OF KAUROS FOR A SON-IN-LAW ABOUT AS STRONGLY AS YOU DESIRE HIM FOR A HUSBAND, BUT THAT IS NO EXCUSE TO KEEP A FATHER WAITING.
IS THE SHREW HERE AT LAST?
I ORDER YOU TO TAKE THE VISCOUNT YURIAS AS YOUR HUSBAND!
THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AT NOON!
WE HAVE EXHAUSTED THE REASON FOR REFUSAL THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO KAUROS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.
HOWEVER, IF YOU WOULD CONCEDE TO MARRY A MAN OF THIS KINGDOM, OUR REFUSAL FROM NOW ON WOULD BE A SIMPLE MATTER.
WELL? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
FATHER!?

I AM TO TAKE YURIAS!?
AS MY HUSBAND

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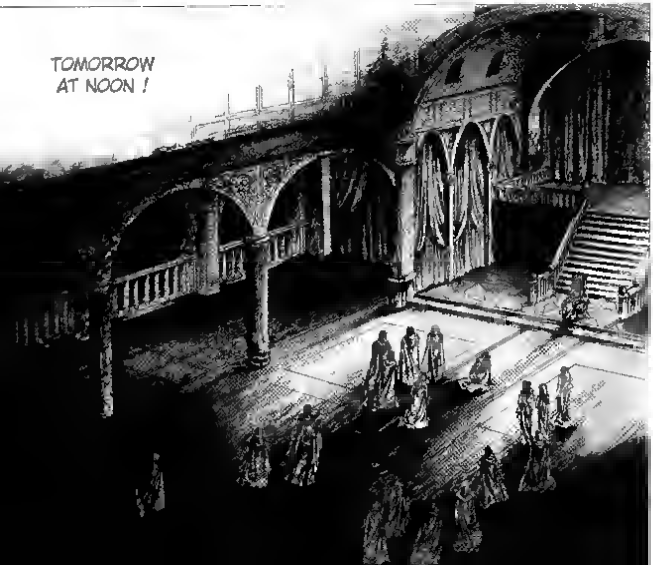
TOMORROW AT NOON !

Hah
Heh
PRINC-
ESS?
ERMINIA!?

AND YOU WOULD MAKE HIM MY HUSBAND?
THE ONE WHO MUST STOP IS YOU I HAVE NEVER ONCE THOUGHT OF YURIAS AS A MAN!
I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE SO FUNNY, FATHER.
ERMINIA, STOP THIS INSANE LAUGHTER!!
I HAVE NO NEED OF A HUSBAND WHO IS WEAKER THAN MYSELF.
I AM STRONGER THAN YURIAS WITH BOTH SWORD AND SPEAR.
AND IF YOU WISH, I CAN DISPLAY FOR YOU HERE AND NOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR ABILITIES!

DRAW YOUR SWORD, YURIAS!

SHARP
CLICK
DO NOT PARTNER AGAINST YURIAS!
CEASE THIS IMMEDIATELY!
.....

ERMINIA... AT LEAST ANSWER ME THIS.
WHAT IS IT YOU INTEND TO DO WITH YOURSELF?
WHEN HIS MOTHER DIED YOUNG, I RAISED YURIAS AS YOUR FOSTER BROTHER IN HOPES THAT YOU WOULD TAKE HIM AS A HUSBAND, BUT NOW THAT IT HAS COME TO THIS...
YOU ARE THE SOLE PRINCESS AND HEIR TO THE KINGDOM OF PAROS ARE YOU SAYING IT DOES NOT MATTER TO YOU IF THE KINGDOM GOES TO RUIN?
THAT IS NOT WHAT I AM SAYING... JUST...

IF EVERYONE WOULD ONLY LOOK UPON ME AS A MAN, I WOULD GOVERN THE KINGDOM AS A MAN
YOU ARE A WOMAN, NO MATTER HOW ONE LOOKS UPON YOU!
I KNOW THAT WITHOUT BEING TOLD SO FRANKLY
SUCH OBSTINACY!
THERE ARE THINGS THAT I WISH TO DO
THAT I WISH TO DO, NO MATTER WHAT

WHAT IS IT YOU WISH TO DO? WHAT IS THERE THAT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN THE PROTECTION OF THIS KINGDOM!?
IF THERE EXISTS SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT, I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IT IS!
.....

AND WHAT SHOULD TOMORROW'S INTENDED BRIDEGROOM DO?
FOOL! IF THERE IS INDEED A CEREMONY TOMORROW, YOU SHALL BE THE ONE WEARING THE BRIDAL GOWN.
FUNNY.
FATHER IS ALSO A FOOL FOR RAISING US AS SIBLINGS DIVIDED ONLY BY BLOOD AND EXPECTING US TO THINK OF EACH OTHER AS SOMETHING ELSE.

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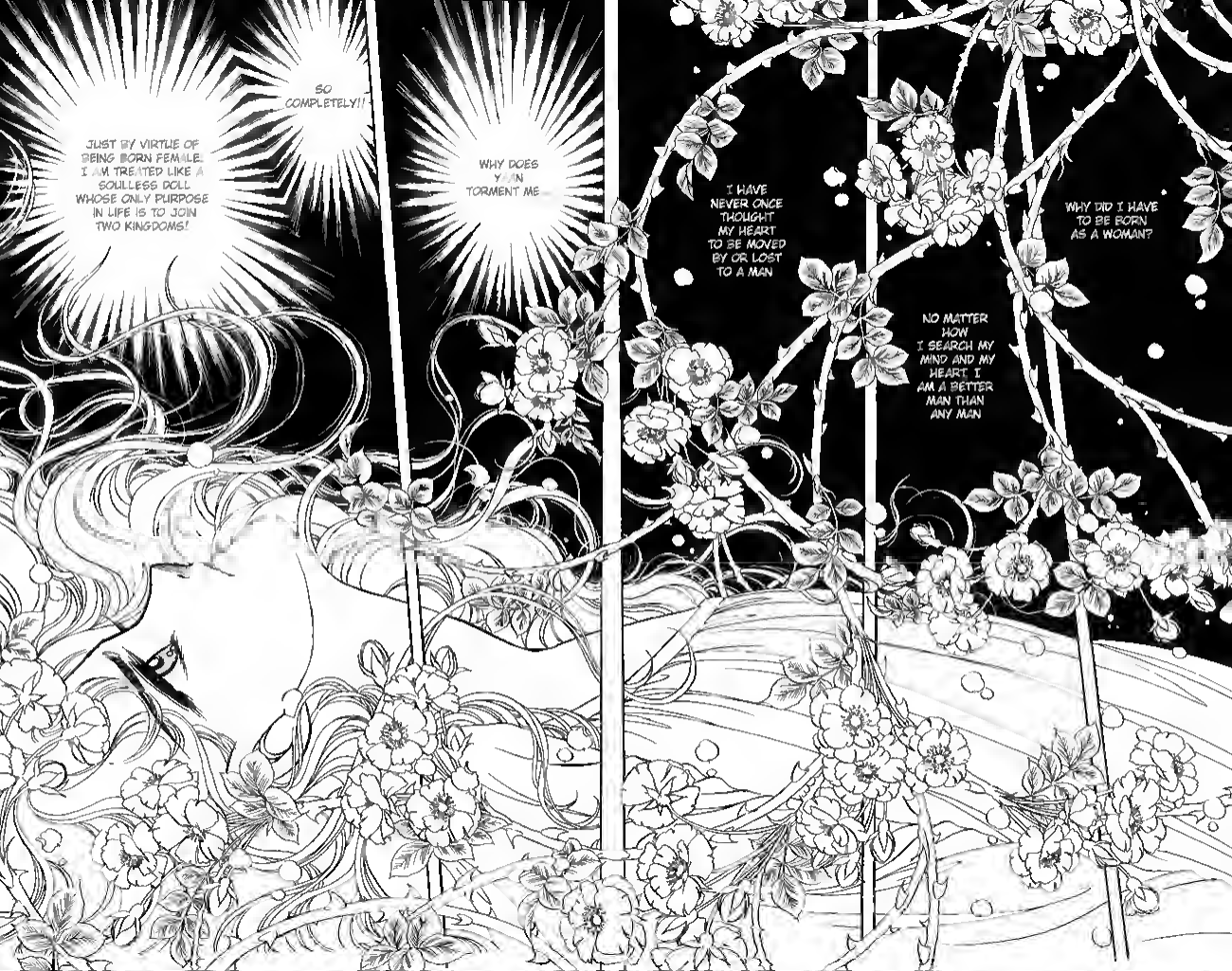
EH?
THAT IS TOO CRUEL...
ERMI-NIA...
HE WAS CRAZY TO THINK WE COULD MARRY EACH OTHER.
DO YOU NOT AGREE, YURIAS?
NOTHING... WHERE IS HIS MAJESTY?
I LEFT HIM OUT ON THE BALCONY
UNDOUBTEDLY TO CURSE HIS FAILURE OF A DAUGHTER TO YAAN

EH !?
YOU MEAN TO TELL US YOU ACTUALLY FINISHED WASHING ALL OF IT!?
AND THE DAY'S NOT EVEN OVER YET!
WE NEVER FINISH THIS EARLY EVEN WHEN ALL OF US ARE WORKING!
TH IT'S RIGHT!
YEAH!
ARE YOU LYING TO US ABOUT WASHING ALL THESE?
WHERE, WHERE?
THAT MUST BE IT! THERE MUST BE DIRT LEFT ON THEM!

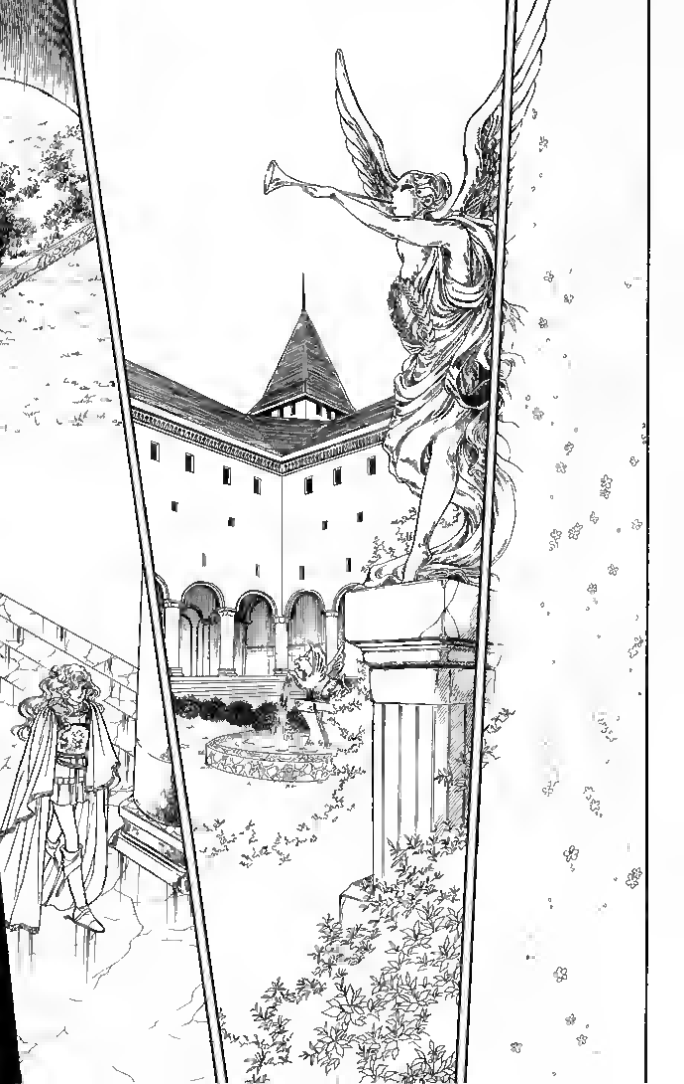
THEY BURN ANYONE WHO USES BLACK MAGIC!
SHE MUST HAVE USED SOME KIND OF MAGIC, THEN!
EVERY LAST ONE IS CLEAN
THAT'S STRANGE. NONE OF THEM ARE DIRTY.
FIONA REALLY DID ALL THIS ON HER OWN?
WHY WOULD I?
HEY, IDA, YOU DIDN'T HELP HER, DID YOU?
YOUR MAJESTY, ERMINIA

M'LADY, LADY FIONA
YOUR FAITHFUL KNIGHT, ERMINIA
SOMEONE LIKE YOU TRULY EXISTS IN THIS WORLD

EVEN IF YOUR WORDS WERE ONLY IN JEST...
YOUR KIND-NESS
MAKES MY CHEST FEEL TIGHT
WHAT I WISH TO DO... WHAT I TRULY WISH TO DO...


JUST BY VIRTUE OF BEING BORN FEMALE I AM TREATED LIKE A SOULLESS DOLL WHOSE ONLY PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO JOIN TWO KINGDOMS!
SO COMPLETELY!!
WHY DOES YAIN TORMENT ME...
I HAVE NEVER ONCE THOUGHT MY HEART TO BE MOVED BY OR LOST TO A MAN
NO MATTER HOW I SEARCH MY MIND AND MY HEART I AM A BETTER MAN THAN ANY MAN
WHY DID I HAVE TO BE BORN AS A WOMAN?

WHY MUST I ALONE CONTORT MYSELF FOR THE SAKE OF THE KINGDOM, AND FORFEIT THE ABILITY TO DECIDE MY OWN FUTURE, AND NEVER REALIZE THAT WHICH I DESIRE?
WHY MUST I BE ALONE!?



ERMINIA!
IF IT ISN'T MY UNCLE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING DRESSED LIKE THAT!? IF YOU ARE A PRINCESS IN THE BLOSSOM OF HER YOUTH, YOU NEED TO BEHAVE AS SUCH

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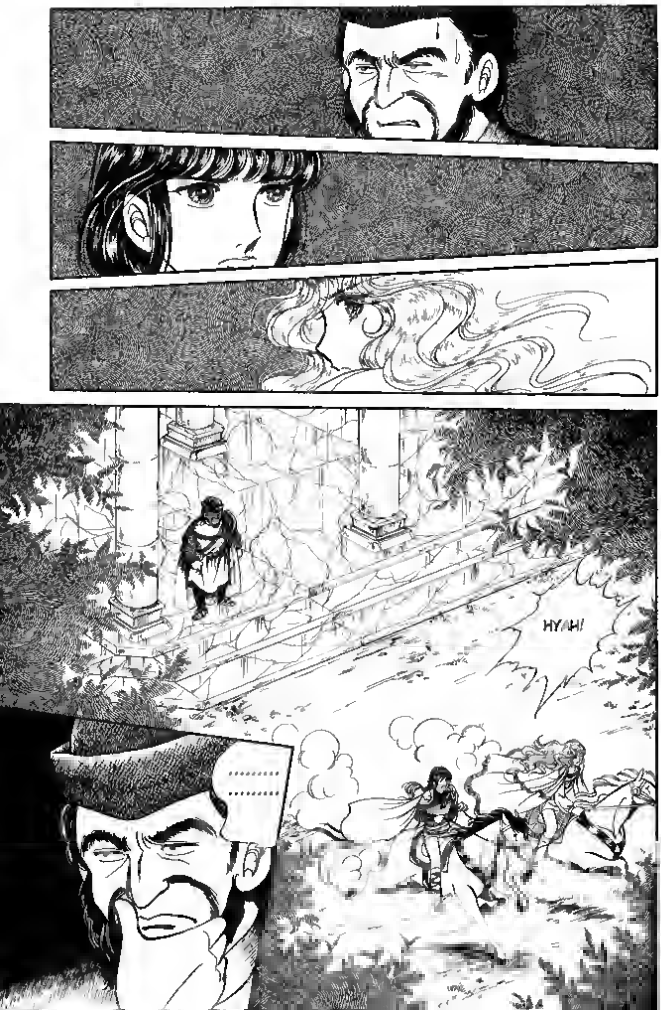
ERMINIA! I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO EVADE THE SUBJECT THIS TIME!!
YURIAS! YURIAS, HAVE YOU PREPARED MY HORSE?
IT SEEMS MY ATTIRE DISPLEASES YOU. IN THAT CASE, I'LL REMOVE IT FROM YOUR SIGHT.
MY ELDER BROTHER SPOILS YOU TOO MUCH.
A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL FROM THE PRINCE OF KAUROS IS NOT SOMETHING THE PRINCESS OF PAROS SHOULD SO LIGHTLY REFUSE.
Hm—
YOU WOULD DO BEST NOT TO FORGET THAT BY VIRTUE OF HAVING BEEN BORN FROM A DIFFERENT MOTHER, YOU ARE ONLY THE ROYAL BROTHER OF PAROS.
YOUR MOTHER WAS AN ARISTOCRAT FROM KAUROS. SHE WAS THE SECOND PRINCESS GRANDFATHER TOOK AS A WIFE, AND AS SUCH ..

PRINCE ALFONSE?
THERE IS NO ONE WHO DEDICATES HIMSELF TO THE KINGDOM OF PAROS MORE THAN I!
WH- WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO IMPLY, ERMINIA!?
THE KINGDOM SUFFERS AN ENDLESS PARADE OF WAR, FAMINE, AND DROUGHT, AND BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF THE PREVIOUS KING, WE STRUGGLE NOW SIMPLY TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO.
PAROS PRESENTLY HAS NO GLORY TO ITS NAME!!

INDEED! THEY ARE THE MOST PROSPEROUS BARBARIANS OF OUR TIME
MEANWHILE, KAUROS ENJOYS A GOLDEN AGE AS THE MOST PROSPEROUS KINGDOM IN THE LAND——
LIKE YOU, NOBLE UNCLE, HE IS NOT YET TOO LATE IN YEARS FOR THAT.
YOU WOULD SOONER BE SUCCESSFUL IN ASKING MY NOBLE FATHER TO TAKE ON ANOTHER CONCUBINE AND PRODUCE HIMSELF A MALE HEIR THAN IN REGISTERING YOUR COMPLAINTS WITH ME.
ERMI-NIA!!
ERMINIA! PLACE YOUR FOOLISH JOKES ASIDE AND THINK SERIOUSLY ON THE MATTER OF KAUROS
WAIT!
AND I WILL HUMBLY WORK MY FINGERS TO THE BONE AS A REGENT TO PROTECT SUCH A PRINCE UNTIL ADULTHOOD

ONE SUCH AS MYSELF, WHOSE GENDER IS AN ISSUE IN QUESTION, WILL NOT BE CURED BY BEING MADE INTO THE WIFE OF SOME IDLY CURIOUS MAN.
AND NOT BY ANY NUMBER OF BARBARIAN PRINCES FROM KALIROS.
YURIAS!
HERE, ERMINIA.


HYAH!
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ERMINIA, DO NOT LET YOUR GUARD DOWN AROUND PRINCE ALFONSE
OF COURSE NOT. I HATE THAT MAN
HE IS TRYING EVERY TRICK HE KNOWS TO MARRY ME INTO THE KAUROS CLAN.
HE WOULD PROBABLY TRADE THE ENTIRE KINGDOM OF PAROS TO BECOME EVEN JUST A CABINET MINISTER OF KAUROS
BUT AS A PRINCE OF PAROS WITH THE BLOOD OF KAUROS FLOWING IN HIS VEINS, HE WILL HAVE POWER EQUAL TO OUR KING IF THE TWO LANDS ARE JOINED

HE IS CORRUPT.
I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK OF SUCH THINGS WHEN A BREEZE THIS WONDERFUL IS BLOWING!
IT IS ONLY ON A LONG RIDE THAT I FEEL THE GLORY OF LIFE.
THESE PAST COUPLE YEARS, IT HAS FELT AS THOUGH I AM ATTACKED AROUND THE CLOCK WITH THIS ISSUE OF MARRIAGE, AND MY NERVES ARE IN CHAOS

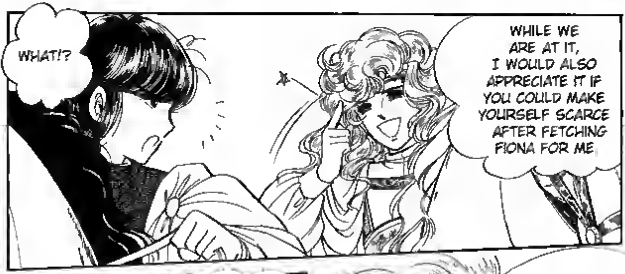
YURIAS, GO DOWN THERE AND SUMMON FIONA TO ME
YOU SHOULD NOT GIVE YOUR ATTENTIONS TO THIS GIRL.
YOU ARE A PRINCESS. YOUR PROBLEMS WILL ONLY BE COMPOUNDED BY A WHIMSICAL ASSOCIATION WITH A LAUNDRY MAID

PLEASE GO SUMMON FIONA TO ME, YURIAS. IF YOU WILL NOT, THEN I WILL DO IT MYSELF.
KICK
I REFUSE.
HYAH!
THEN IT IS LEFT TO ME.
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH FIONA AND "FRIENDSHIP" IS AS OOOBVIOUS TO ME AS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH
HMPH
THEN I MUST ORDER YOU NOT TO.
DO YOU TEASE ME AS A FRIEND?
YOU MIS-UNDER-STAND
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
THAT YOU SINCERELY BELIEVE MY FRIENDSHIP WITH FIONA TO BE WHIMSY?

YOU ARE A GOOD FELLOW AFTER ALL.

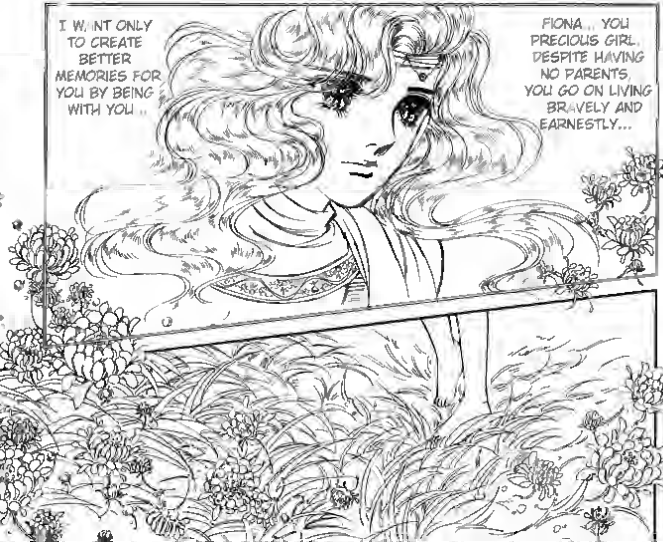
ONLY THIS ONCE.

I WILL GO!
FINE!


WHAT!?
WHILE WE ARE AT IT, I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD MAKE YOURSELF SCARCE AFTER FETCHING FIONA FOR ME.

YOU ARE A HOPELESSLY SELFISH PRINCESS!
VOOSH

I WOULD LIKE TIME TO BUILD RAPPORT... WITH A LITTLE BORING GIRL-TO-GIRL CHAT.


I WANT ONLY TO CREATE BETTER MEMORIES FOR YOU BY BEING WITH YOU..
FIONA... YOU PRECIOUS GIRL. DESPITE HAVING NO PARENTS, YOU GO ON LIVING BRAVELY AND EARNESTLY...

FIONA.

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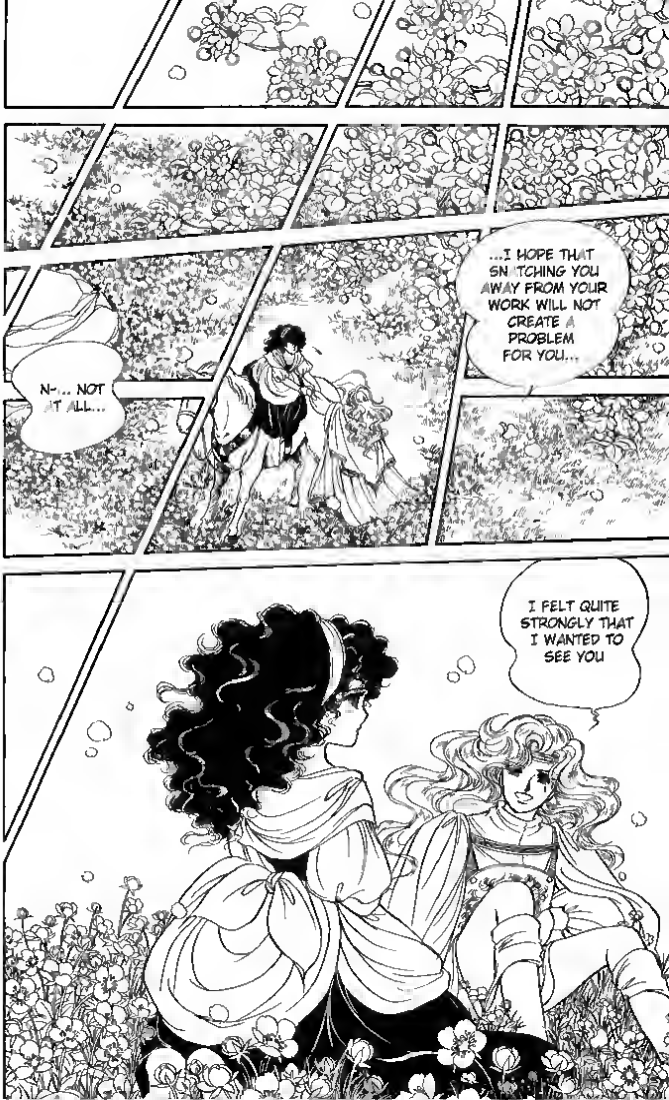
YAAN, I BESEECH YOU CONFER YOUR BLESSING UPON THIS MOMENT!
FOREVER GRANT ME THIS YOUNG GIRL'S SMILE !

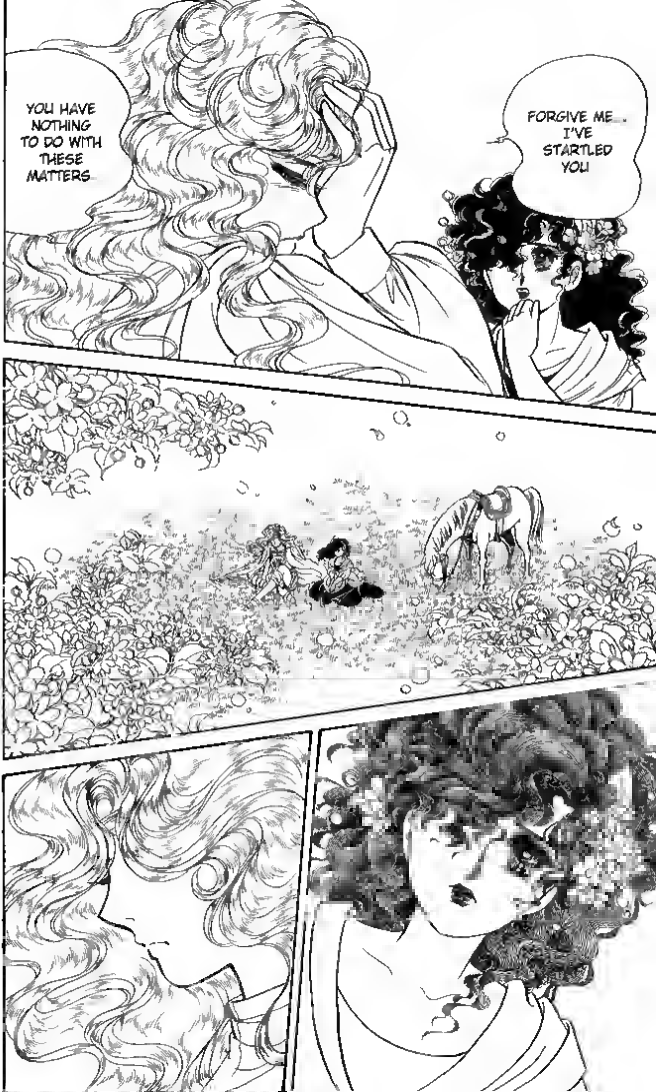

...I HOPE THAT SN TCHING YOU AWAY FROM YOUR WORK WILL NOT CREATE A PROBLEM FOR YOU...
N-... NOT AT ALL...
I FELT QUITE STRONGLY THAT I WANTED TO SEE YOU

I ALWAYS SEEM TO ANGER HIM FOR THAT REASON, SO I SUSPECT THAT MUST BE HOW I AM——
YURIAS HAS TOLD ME THAT I AM HOPELESSLY SELFISH.
NO... I DON'T THINK SO——
I HAVE JUST ONE CHANCE...
ONE DAY, I SIMPLY REALIZED THAT I NEEDED TO BE TRUE TO MYSELF, EVEN IF IT CAUSED OTHERS TO CURSE MY EXISTENCE.
I HONESTLY DO NOT MIND IT. IF I EXPRESS ANYTHING OF A FREE WILL AT THE CASTLE, I AM ACCUSED OF BEING SELFISH

ONE CHANCE TO LIVE A LIFE THAT BELONGS TO NONE BUT ME
WILL THE OTHERS MAKE SPORT OF YOU FOR THIS?
N- NO—! IT'S JUST...
FIONA... WHY ARE YOU SO QUIET? DO YOU NOT ENJOY THIS TIME WITH ME?

YOU'RE LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A DREAM... I CAN'T EVEN BELIEVE YOU'RE TALKING TO ME LIKE THIS
I AM WHAT?
IT'S JUST...
NO.. NOTHING OF THE KIND... THEY WOULD DO THAT ANYWAY
YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA IS...
IF EVEN YOU LOOK UPON ME WITH THE SAME EYES AS THEY, THEN I AM FED UP WITH IT ALL
FWUMP
NO, BUT YOU'RE...!
WHY SHOULD I NOT!? I AM NOTHING MORE THAN A HUMAN BEING, THE SAME AS YOU!
IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THUS.

WHY MUST I ALONE BEHAVE AS THOUGH THE GODS DID NOT ALSO SET BLOOD FLOWING IN MY VEINS?
THE LADY-SON OF THE KING OF PAROS, LADY PRINCESS ERMINIA, IS TO CONDUCT HERSELF THIS WAY AND THAT...
A LADY PRINCESS DOES NOT RIDE A HORSE, DOES NOT STUDY THE SWORD, DOES NOT DETERMINE FOR HERSELF WHO SHE IS.
I AM TREATED AS THOUGH IT WERE A SIN TO SEE ME AS A FLESH AND BLOOD HUMAN.
SHOOP
THOSE AT THE CASTLE BELIEVE I AM SOME DOLL THAT CAN BE MADE TO MOVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR WHIMS...!
THAT I AM NOTHING OTHER THAN SUCH A HUMAN.
THAT I HAVE AN EQUAL SHARE OF THAT WHICH MAKES US HUMAN.
DO YOU NOT THINK SO, FIONA?


YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THESE MATTERS
FORGIVE ME... I'VE STARTLED YOU

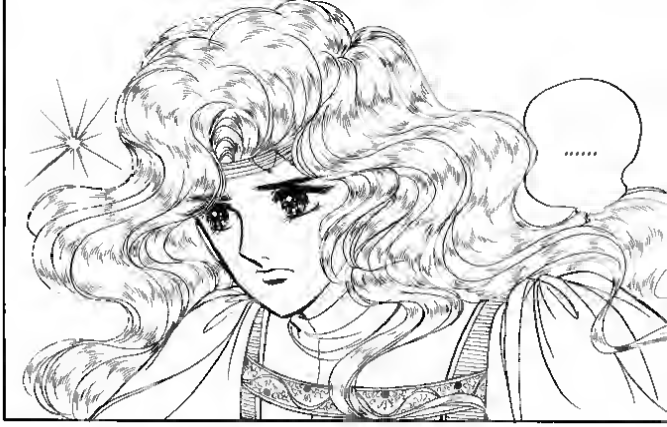
I HAD A DREAM.
I'VE... BEEN WAITING ALL THIS TIME.
IT HAPPENED SO LONG AGO THAT I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHICH IT IS.
OR PERHAPS IT WAS REAL.
BUT.. ONE NIGHT... WHEN I WAS VERY SMALL...

You worthless child!
A brat like you won't get away with this
Get out of here!!
I- I...
That's right, Mama! Fiona's the one who did it!
Yeah! She's the one who broke the plates!
She said she cut the laundry line, too!
My children would not lie
Of course. They are yours
Get out of here! As punishment, you'll sleep outside tonight!

...SO, COLD AND HUNGRY AND WITH TEARS IN MY EYES, I AT LAST CAME TO THE STABLE...
...THAT WAS A TIME WHEN NO ONE WOULD LISTEN TO ME, AND I DARED NOT TALK BACK.
BUT WITHOUT THINKING, I JUST CRAWLED INTO A PILE OF HAY IN THE CORNER..
IF I HAD BEEN CAUGHT, I MIGHT HAVE BEEN PUNISHED VERY BADLY...
WHO IS IN HERE?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?

Are you a prince?
Are you cold?
Are you going to sleep here?
I SPOKE WITH THE BOY — JUST A FEW WORDS
I CAN'T SAY IF IT WAS REAL OR A DREAM

SHOOP
TWEE TWEE TWEE
WHEN I WOKE UP, NOTHING WAS WITH ME BUT THE STRAW IN MY HAIR...
AND TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD COME FOR ME ONE DAY...
BUT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN BEING AWAKE AND ASLEEP, I REMEMBER THAT HE GENTLY KISSED MY FOREHEAD...
I shall come for you one day...
One day, without fail...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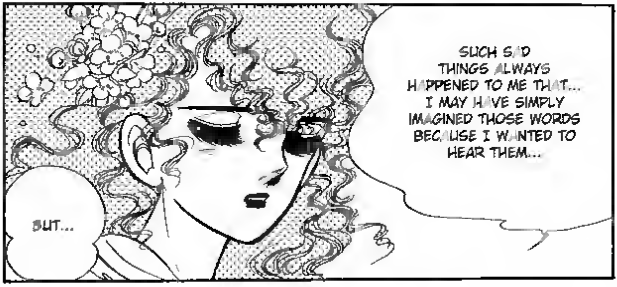
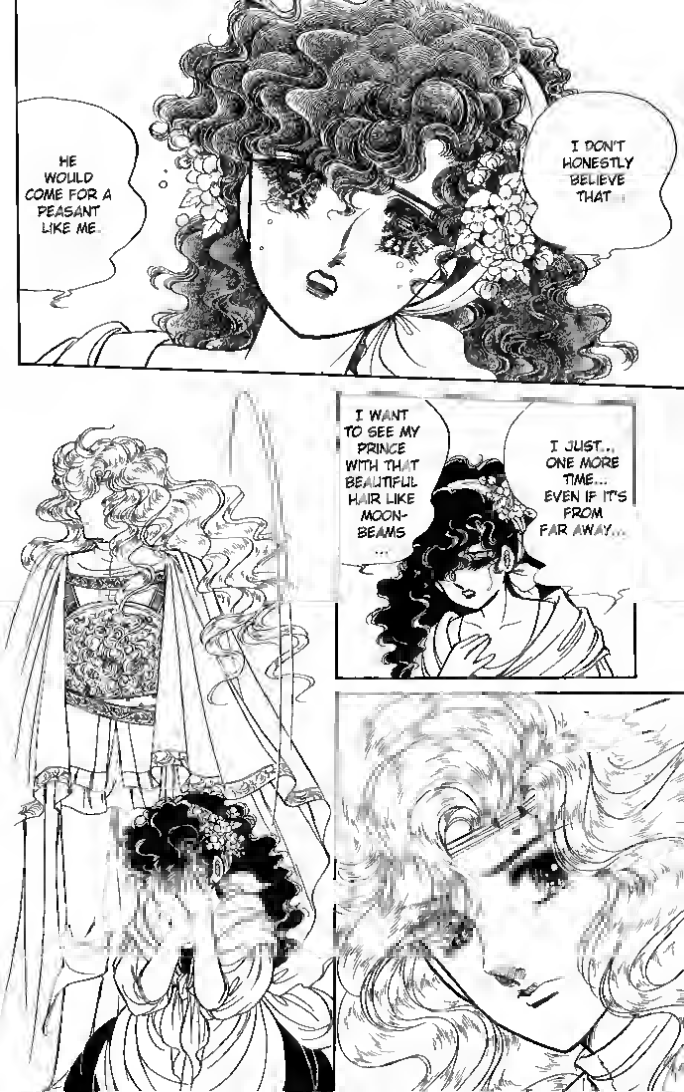

SUCH SAD THINGS ALWAYS HAPPENED TO ME THAT... I MAY HAVE SIMPLY IMAGINED THOSE WORDS BECAUSE I WANTED TO HEAR THEM...
BUT...

THE THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD BE MY PRINCE ON A WHITE HORSE
EVER SINCE THEN, I KEPT THINKING THAT THE BOY MIGHT REALLY COME FOR ME.

HAS
BEEN THE
ONE THING
TO CARRY
ME THIS
FAR——


HE WOULD COME FOR A PEASANT LIKE ME.
I DON'T HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT...
I WANT TO SEE MY PRINCE WITH THAT BEAUTIFUL HAIR LIKE MOON-BEAMS ...
I JUST.. ONE MORE TIME... EVEN IF IT'S FROM FAR AWAY...

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SHH!
YOUR MAJESTY ERMNIA?
FIONA, STAY HERE
YOU MUST ABSOLUTELY NOT COME OUT WHILE THERE ARE OTHERS HERE.
HIDE WITHIN THE SHADOW OF THIS TREE...
LADY PRINCESS ?
IF YOU DO... IT WILL MAKE THINGS MORE DIFFICULT FOR ME.

UNDERSTAND? DO NOT MOVE FROM THAT SPOT
DO NOT WORRY. I AM VERY STRONG
BESIDES, I AM NOT UNUSED TO THIS
ONCE I HAVE THE LOT OF THEM COMPLETELY FOCUSED ON ME... RETURN TO YOUR FRIENDS AND SUMMON YURIAS TO MY AID.
CONCEAL YOURSELF, QUICKLY!
YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA...!

GALLOP
MARION!
HYAH!
THESE KNIGHTS SHALL NOT REST US!!

DO NOT LET PRINCESS ERMINIA, THE LADY-SON OF PAROS, OUT OF YOUR SIGHTS,
UNTIL YOU HAVE TAKEN HER LIFE!
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Magic?
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IT MAY PROVE TO BE A MORE COSTLY VENTURE THAN YOU ANTICIPATE.
IF IT IS MY LIFE YOU WANT, THEN JUST TRY AND TAKE IT!!
GET HER!!

MARION! CHARGE!!
YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA

GRAH!
PIERCE
KI-CHING

GREHH...
AAAH!...

BY NO MEASURE IS THIS JUST ONE SMALL GIRL.
IF WE CAN DRAG HER FROM HER HORSE, SHE'LL BE OURS.
SHE'S STRONG! BE ON YOUR GUARD!!
HUFF
HUFF
IF I DO NOT CUT A PATH THROUGH THEM... IF I BECOME TIRED, I WILL BE KILLED.
THERE IS JUST A FEW TOO MANY OF THEM.

GRAB
WHIZZ
MARION!?

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!!
SHOOSH
TAKE HER LIFE!
GONG
OW.
YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA!!
SO, HER FRIEND IS STILL ABOUT!
HUFF
HUFF

SOME-
BODY...
SIR
YURI-
AAAS!
HAHA! WHATEVER HAPPENS TO ANYONE APART FROM THE PRINCESS IS NO MATTER.
CUT OUT THAT GIRL'S VOCAL CORDS!
FIONA!?
KYAAA!

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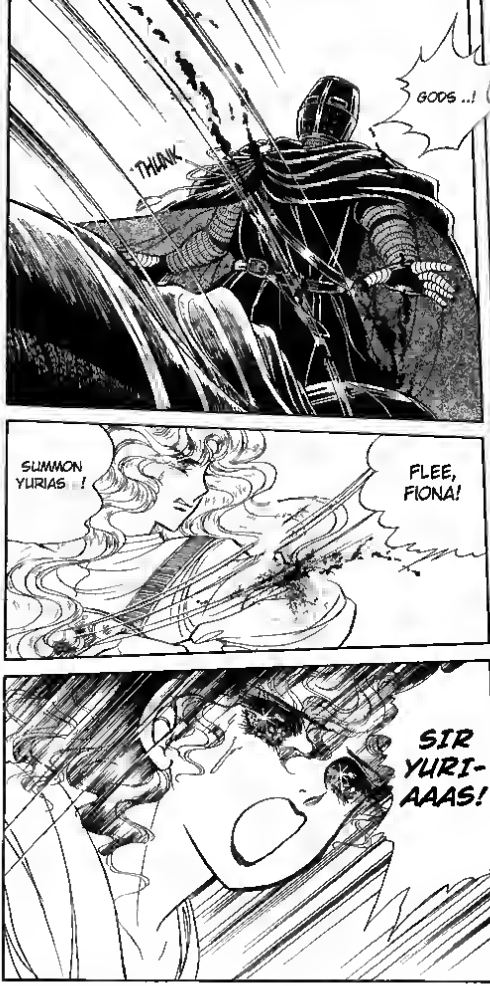
Your Majesty Erwin!
For my sake, you...
YOU'RE PLACING YOUR NOBLE LIFE IN DANGER TO PROTECT ME...!
CLASH


GODS ..!
THUNK
SUMMON YURIAS !
FLEE, FIONA!
SIR YURI-AAAS!

THE GIRL!
LUNCH!
FIONA!

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KNAVES! I AM YOUR OPPONENT NOW!
GYAAH!
HAAH!
GYAH...
RETREEEAT!
F- FALL BACK! RETREAT!

HALT! VILLAINS
ENOUGH OF THIS! RETREEEAT!
IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH ANY MORE SLAIN BODIES
LET THEM GO, YURIAS!
ERMINIA

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I WAS SO ENGAGED, I DID NOT EVEN NOTICE IT
IT IS ONLY A SCRATCH
YOU.. HAVE BEEN INJURED
VILE CURS! HOW DARE THEY INFLICT INJURY UPON THE BODY OF THE ROYAL PRINCESS OF PAROS!
EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT NOW, FIONA I APOLOGIZE FOR THE FRIGHT YOU HAVE RECEIVED
YOUR MAJESTY!

YOU NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT ME THIS IS NOTHING
YOUR MAJESTY ER- ERMINIA
R.I.P
WHY? IT IS OBVIOUS FROM WHENCE THEY CAME
WE SHOULD HAVE LEFT ONE OR TWO OF THEM ALIVE TO QUESTION THEM AND FIND OUT WHO SENT THEM.

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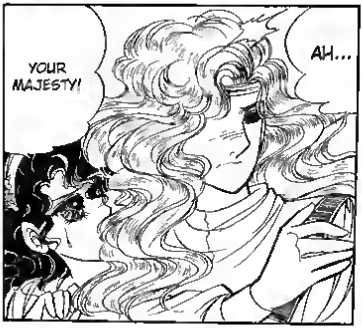
IF A PRINCESS OF PAROS GIVES THE PUBLIC IMPRESSION OF BEING CARELESS, THEN SHE PLACES HERSELF IN DANGER EVERY TIME SHE GOES OUT. I AM CONSTANTLY URGING YOU TO HEED THIS.
HOW CAN YOU BE SO NONCHALANT!?


AH...
YOUR MAJESTY!

AND THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE YOU CONSTANTLY DISREGARD WHAT I SAY!
UNDERSTOOD, UNDERSTOOD, I SHALL BE MORE CAUTIOUS HENCEFORTH

BEFORE I DO THAT, I MUST EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE.
PLEASE RETURN TO THE CASTLE IMMEDIATELY AND HAVE A DOCTOR TEND TO YOU I BEG YOU.

YOU ARE MY SAVIOR
HAD YOU NOT RISKED YOUR OWN LIFE TO AID MINE, I WOULD HAVE BEEN IN GREAT PERIL
YOU BROUGHT THIS ALL UPON YOURSELF, ERMINIA!
AND HAD YOU TWO NOT WANDERED OFF TO BE ALONE, NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IN THE FIRST PLACE!
PLEASE TAKE CARE, YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA.
BOW!
I- I HAVE THE FEELING THAT IF I DON'T EXCUSE MYSELF NOW, YOUR FRIEND WILL BE ANGERED.

Shoujo Magic

FIONA, TOMORROW I SHALL-
I TRUST YOU UNDERSTAND NOW. YOU AND THAT GIRL ALMOST DIED FOR YOUR IDLE WHIMSY
GLARE
.....

ARE YOU LISTENING? ERMINIA.
FOLD
ERMINIA.
...PLEASE DO NOT YELL AT ME. YOUR WORDS PIERCE ME LIKE BLADES.
I have never feared the wrath of Yaan, but Yaan's punishment will fall upon me one day.
Your Majesty, Erminia...

THAT IS WHAT MY HEART SCREAMS
IF I COULD ONLY BE PERMITTED, I WOULD STAY BY YOUR SIDE AND TEND TO YOU UNTIL YOUR WOUNDS WERE HEALED
I FORGET MYSELF AND CHASE A DREAM THAT CAN NEVER COME TRUE

THE CASTLE IS IN SIGHT, MEANING WE ARE SAFE.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SHALL I HASTEN THE HORSE'S PACE?
NO...
...YURIAS, THOSE MEN WERE NOT TRYING TO KILL ME
NONE OF THEM WERE PARTICULARLY STRONG, BUT... ALL HAD THEIR SWORDS RAISED AGAINST ME...
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

THERE WERE SO MANY OF THEM, AND WHEN MY FEET SLIPPED OR MY STRENGTH GAVE WAY, THEY HAD COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES TO FINISH ME...
.....!
...THEY SAID THEY WOULD TAKE MY LIFE, AND YET... THEY DID NOT...
THEY GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY WERE TESTING MY SKILL... I DID NOT SENSE THAT THEY WERE TRYING TO KILL ME...
Testing Erwinia's skill..?
...What can it mean?

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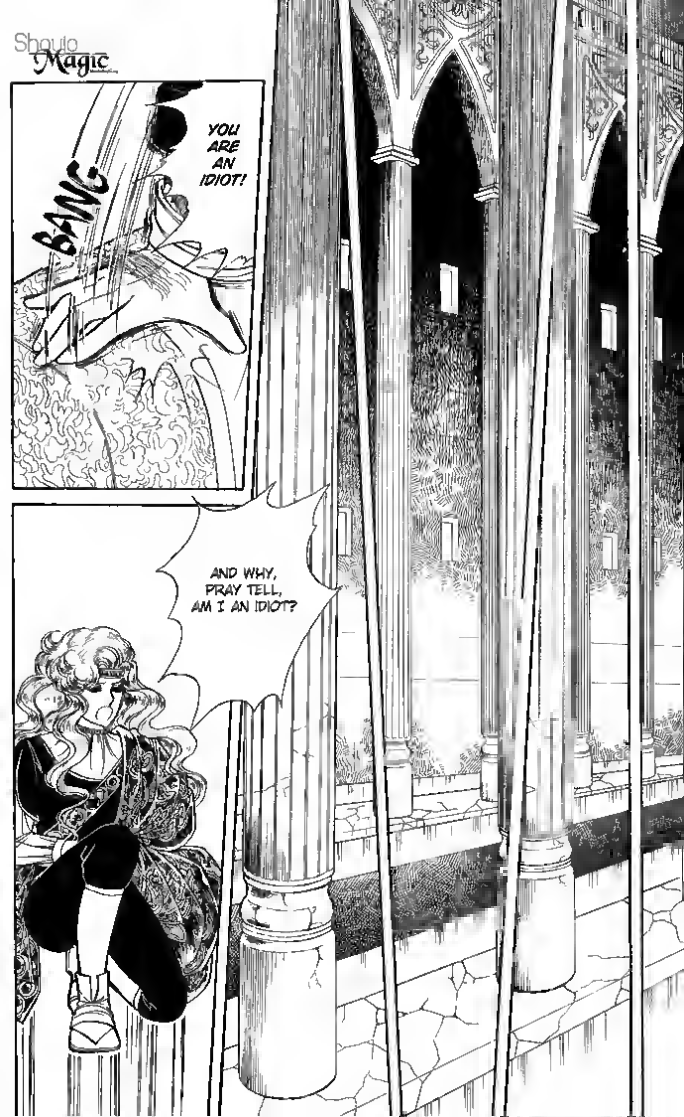

DO YOU THINK I AM IGNORANT OF WHAT HAPPENED!?
I AM WELL AWARE OF YOUR FOOLISH CONDUCT!
IS IT NOT TRUE THAT THIS SITUATION CAME ABOUT AS A DIRECT RESULT OF YOUR INTIMATION WITH A FILTHY LAUNDRY WENCH?

Shoujo Magic

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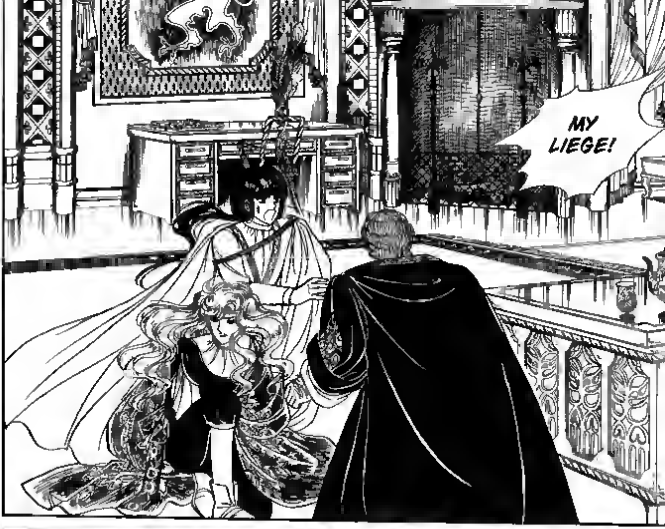
YURIAS!
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO TOLD HIM THIS!?
FOOL! DO NOT DIRECT YOUR IRE AT YURIAS!
YURIAS IS NOT THE ONE WHO TOLD ME!
THEN WHO WAS IT? MY UNCLE!?
IT DOES NOT MATTER WHO TOLD ME! YOU ARE A SELFISH PRINCESS SEEKING TO BLAME OTHERS
GODS, WHERE DID I GO WRONG IN RAISING YOU, FOR YOU TO HAVE BECOME THIS UNMANAGEABLE

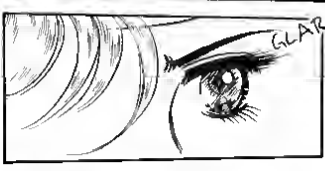
I LAVISHED PITY ON MY CHILD BECAUSE SHE NEVER KNEW HER MOTHER, BUT IT SEEMS I HAVE SPOILED YOU TOO MUCH
DO YOU NOT COMPREHEND THAT YOU ARE THE SOLE HEIR TO THE ENTIRE KINGDOM OF PAROS?
AND I AM NOT INFREQUENTLY TOLD THE SAME BY ALFONSE...
.....
I CARE NOT WITH WHOM, BUT YOU WILL MARRY AND BEAR A PRINCE TO BE HEIR!
BUT I CANNOT PERMIT IT TO CONTINUE

Shoujo Magic

I WOULD PREFER EVEN THAT TO AN ALLIANCE WITH KAUROS
YOU MAY EVEN CHOOSE A MAN OF LOW STATION ARE THERE NONE FOR WHOM YOU HAVE FEELINGS?
THERE ARE NONE
A DAUGHTER'S DUTY IS TO OBEY HER PARENTS. BEAR CHILDREN AND PROTECT HER FAMILY.
HOW CAN YOU SUGGEST THAT IT IS NOT?
I DO NOT WISH TO LIVE MY ENTIRE LIFE AROUND THE IDEA THAT I MUST CONTINUE THE BLOOD LINE.
—I WISH TO BE FREE.
I AM NOT A FEMALE BIRD WHO WILL SIT IN HER NEST LAYING EGGS.
TO SAY THAT I MUST BECOME ONE FOR THE SAKE OF PAROS IS CRUEL!
ARE YOU SAYING IT IS ACCEPTABLE
TO DISREGARD MY FEELINGS AS LONG AS I BEAR A PRINCE TO CARRY ON THE BLOOD LINE!?

YOU ARE A WOMAN OF THE ROYAL HOUSE! YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION AS ONE WHO CARRIES IN YOU THE BLOOD OF KINGS
FREE, YOU SAY? DO NOT SPEAK AS IF YOU WERE A COMMONER OR SOME WANDERING MINSTREL!
I DISAGREE!
SLAP





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HEED THIS! AS LONG AS YOU ARE MY DAUGHTER AND REMAIN IN PAROS, YOU ARE NO MORE THAN A SUBJECT OF PAROS!!
I WILL GIVE YOU TEN DAYS! YOU ARE NOT TO SET FOOT OUTSIDE YOUR CHAMBERS. YOU HAVE TEN DAYS TIME TO DECIDE WHOM YOU WILL TAKE AS YOUR HUSBAND.
I CARE NOT IF YOU CHOOSE YURIAS OR A YOUNG ARISTOCRAT OR GENERAL RYDIN, LORD OF MARL.
THIS IS AN ORDER FROM THE KING OF PAROS TO HIS SUBJECT, AND YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE IT THIS TIME!

ERMINIA!
WAIT, ERMINIA!
SINCE WHEN HAVE I EVER QUIETLY OBEYED ANYONE?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? THE KING HAS FORBIDDEN YOU TO LEAVE.

BAH! THIS IS HIS SECOND ULTIMATUM. DO YOU HONESTLY THINK YOU CAN CHANGE HIS MIND?
ERMINIA, CALM YOURSELF! I PROMISE I WILL GO TO THE KING LATER AND PLEAD WITH HIM TO RECONSIDER

SUMMON COUNT DARL AND MARQUIS NELBA TO ME!

IN TEN DAYS, HE WILL FORCE ME TO MARRY.
I KNOW NOT WHAT I CAN DO!
I CANNOT CHANGE THE FACT THAT I AM THE SOLE HEIR TO THE KINGDOM OF PAROS.

MY LIEGE... YOU SENT FOR US?
ERMINIA WILL BE MADE TO WED IN TEN DAYS. PLEASE MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS
...IS SHE TO WED MY SON, YURIAS?
AT THIS POINT, I MIND NOT WHOM SHE MARRIES, AS LONG AS SHE DOES.
SHE HAS AVOIDED MAKING A DECISION.

Shojo Magic

YOUR MAJESTY, HIS HIGHNESS PRINCE ALFONSE REQUESTS AN AUDIENCE.
I DO NOT WISH TO SEE HIM AT THE MOMENT. TELL HIM I HAVE A HEADACHE.
.....
.....
Y- YES, YOUR MAJESTY, WE SHALL SEE TO IT
POW
MY DEAR BROTHER, HOW CAN YOU TREAT YOUR YOUNGER HALF-BROTHER WITH SUCH COOL INDIFFERENCE?
I HAVE HEARD THAT ERMINIA WILL BE MADE TO WED IN TEN DAYS.
YOU HAVE HARDENED YOUR HEART TO HER AT LONG LAST

ALFONSE, YOU SEEM DETERMINED TO MARRY ERMINIA TO THE PRINCE OF KAUROS. DO YOU HAVE SOME ULTERIOR MOTIVE?
OF COURSE NOT! WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT?
My dear brother! You have convinced yourself of an idea that only hurts Paros more than it serves it.
That devious nation will give only the appearance of agreement to equal terms, but there is no question that once the marriage is done, our 500 year old kingdom will be occupied by their armies!
And you believe that Kauros would honor such a treaty!?
I am not trying to merge the Kingdoms of Paros and Kauros, dear brother.
Do not misunderstand, I am not trying to make you marry her to the prince of Kauros.
But no matter how you look upon it Paros can best preserve its honor through marriage and alliance with Kauros.
Just give me the command and I will draw up a treaty with Kauros of equal terms.

I AM ONLY CONCERNED FOR THE WELFARE OF THIS NATION
IF, BY SOME MILLION-TO-ONE CHANCE, KALIROS DID INITIATE A WAR, THE DAMAGE OUR KINGDOM WOULD RECEIVE FROM IT
WOULD BE NO WORSE THAN THE DAMAGE DONE BY TIME
THE KINGDOM WOULD LOSE ONLY ITS NAME...
AND RECEIVE THE PROTECTION OF KALIROS...
ENOUGH! STAND DOWN! ALFONSE, DUKE OF PHANN BEKK!
...I HAVE SPOKEN OUT OF PLACE

YURIAS, HE NOMINATED YOU AS MY MARRIAGE PARTNER AS WELL
DOES THAT NOT ANGER YOU IN THE LEAST?
I THOUGHT I WAS LOSING MY MIND! HOW REVOLTING!
WHAT WEAK AND PATHETIC ARISTOCRAT DID HE SAY WAS GOING TO FATHER MY CHILD?
WHAT IF... I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU IN THAT LIST...
WHAT IF...
WHAT... DO YOU MEAN?

NOT EVERYTHING IS ABOUT BEING LOYAL TO THE KING. TAKE YOU AND THAT GIRL YOU LIKE AS AN EXAMPLE.
Heh

I WONDER WHY FATHER FEELS HE MUST ORDER ME AS MY KING TO PROTECT THIS KINGDOM
IF THAT IS WHAT HE DESIRES, THEN I AM WILLING TO SACRIFICE EVERY FUTURE HAPPINESS TO BECOME THIS LAND'S GREATEST RULER MYSELF
WHY CAN FATHER NOT SEE THAT MY HEART IS MORE MASCULINE THAN ANY MAN'S?

ERMINIA, DESPITE THE DISPOSITION OF YOUR HEART, YOU ARE A WOMAN, AND—
THAT IS MERELY YAAN'S SENSE OF HUMOR AT WORK...
HAVE YOU SO BADLY MISCONSTRUED WHAT I SAID!?
NO ONE WILL DO ME THE COURTESY OF RESPECTING MY FEELINGS BUT THAT GIRL...
TO SEE FIONA
WHAT... ROAD IS THIS? WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING?
IF I HAVE NOT, THEN YOU WILL NOT MIND ME TAKING THAT GIRL AS MY LADY'S MAID!

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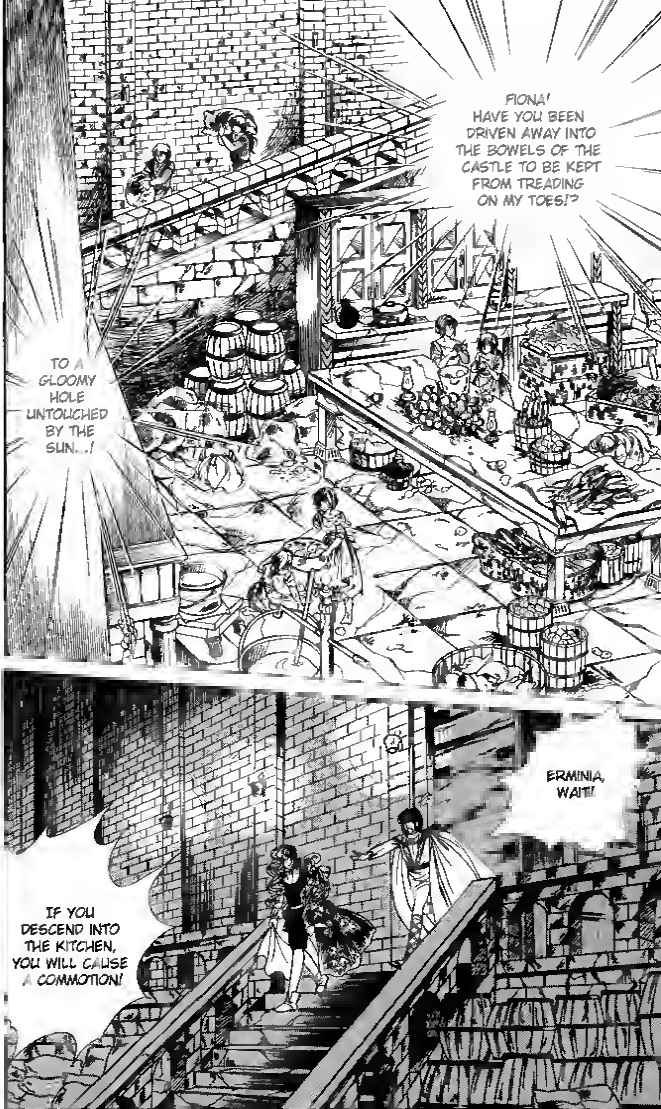
ERMINIA!
Ski
Ski
YOU WILL HAVE NO COMPLAINTS IN THAT CASE, I IMAGINE.

DESPITE BEING SMALL AND FRAGILE, SHE IS BRAVE AND HONEST, AND THE FIRST PERSON TO WHOM I HAVE FELT I CAN BE CLOSE.
GONG
THAT GIRL WAS THE FIRST.
Flona...

FIONA IS NOT HERE..!
FRET
FRET
FRET
FRET
THERE IS NO NEED FOR CEREMONY WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO FIONA?

THIS MORNING, MASTER THYCE, THE STEWARD, TOOK FIONA AWAY TO WORK IN THE KITCHEN AS A SCULLERY MAID.
U... UMM... IF I MAY, LADY PRINCESS...
A SCULLERY MAID HAS EVEN LOWER STATUS THAN A LAUNDRY MAID...
SHE WILL DISPOSE OF WASTE, WASH DISHES, AND RUN ERRANDS...
WAS IT TO KEEP HER FROM COMING TO THIS RIVER ?
.....!


FIONA! HAVE YOU BEEN DRIVEN AWAY INTO THE BOWELS OF THE CASTLE TO BE KEPT FROM TREADING ON MY TOES!?
TO A GLOOMY HOLE UNTOUCHED BY THE SUN...!
ERMINIA, WAIT!
IF YOU DESCEND INTO THE KITCHEN, YOU WILL CAUSE A COMMOTION!

THE GREATEST INSULT YOU, AS A KNIGHT, CAN INFLICT UPON YOURSELF IS TO PURSUE A SCULLERY MAID.
YOU ASSUME THE TITLES OF BOTH PRINCESS AND FIRST KNIGHT OF THIS KINGDOM.
I KNOW... I KNOW VERY WELL, YURIAS...
.....
THAT WAY, YOU CAN AT LEAST PREVENT ANY FURTHER INJURY TO HER, IF NOT TO YOURSELF.
FORGET ABOUT THE GIRL!
ERMINIA...
I know...

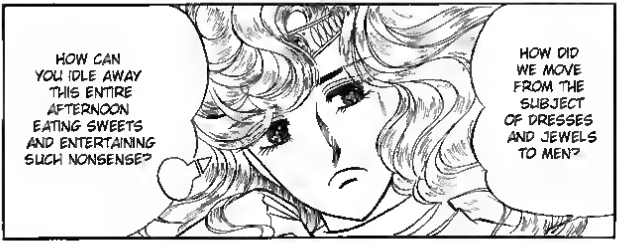
THAT THIS IS THE RESULT OF MY INTEREST IN HER——
FIONA!

ERMINIA ...
I WILL RETURN TO MY CHAMBERS. PLEASE GIVE ME TIME ALONE THERE.
I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK WITH ANYONE...

LADY ERMINIA, PLEASE COME AND LOOK AT THESE!
WOW
Ooh
SO MANY LOVELY DRESSES HAVE BEEN SENT!
AND THESE HAIR ORNAMENTS ARE AS BEAUTIFUL AS DREAMS!

THE LADY PRINCESS WILL NEED AT LEAST FOUR OR FIVE GIRLS TO ACCOMPANY HER!
Ooh!
WHICH OF US WILL BE GOING WITH YOU?
AND PUT ON THE HAIR ORNAMENT AS WELL!
Gliste
Tricer
LADY PRINCESS, PLEASE PUT ON THE DRESS AND SHOW US HOW YOU LOOK!
Tee hee
AND YOU WANT TO MAKE MY HAIR LIKE THIS?
I would rather be shaved bald!
WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS FROUFROU GARMENT!?
IT'S A SIN TO LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL AND NOT PAY YOUR APPEARANCE ANY MIND!
LADY PRINCESS ERMINIA—— AT LEAST LET US DO YOUR MAKE-UP!

Although he's not very good on his feet and is not a strong fighter, so there's no realistic expectation that the Princess of Farna and he will wed.
Your cousin, the young nobleman Erus, can sing and recite poetry, and he looks stunning in black.
What? I think it should be Viscount Yurias. He looks at her with such romantic eyes.
You'll marry Viscount Lemias won't you? There's no one as handsome as him
He secretly seems to have feelings for you, and I've heard that is why he has not yet taken a bride.
Count Kalavia is a little more advanced in years, but none can compare to his golden looks and mature demeanor.
But it's only natural for a man to be attracted to a woman and a woman to be attracted to a man.
And I heard that he personally tended to his ailing wife up until the very moment she passed away


HOW CAN YOU IDLE AWAY THIS ENTIRE AFTERNOON EATING SWEETS AND ENTERTAINING SUCH NONSENSE?
HOW DID WE MOVE FROM THE SUBJECT OF DRESSES AND JEWELS TO MEN?

IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR A WOMAN.
AND ATTRACTING MEN.
AND EATING DELICIOUS SWEETS
HM? WOMEN DREAM OF WEARING PRETTY THINGS.

AND I WOULD HAVE NO COMPLAINTS IF I LIVED MY ENTIRE LIFE WITHOUT EVER MARRYING A MAN!
IF CLOTHING KEEPS ME WARM, THEY ARE GOOD CLOTHES.
IF FOOD FILLS MY STOMACH, IT IS GOOD FOOD.
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT, BUT IT SEEMS I HAVE NO SUCH NATURAL INTEREST, AND MUST SAY I AM GRATEFUL FOR THAT.

WHAT GIVES YOU JOY IN LIFE, LADY PRINCESS?
YES, LADY PRINCESS! WHAT IS NATURAL TO YOU?
WHAT JOY IS THERE IN LIVING WITHOUT SUCH THINGS?
OH, MY!
THAT'S UN-NATURAL!
I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON A JOURNEY
TO ME, EH
ANY PLACE BUT HERE WOULD SUFFICE
I NEED NOT A DESTI-NATION!
TO WHERE, MY LADY!?
A JOUR-NEY!?

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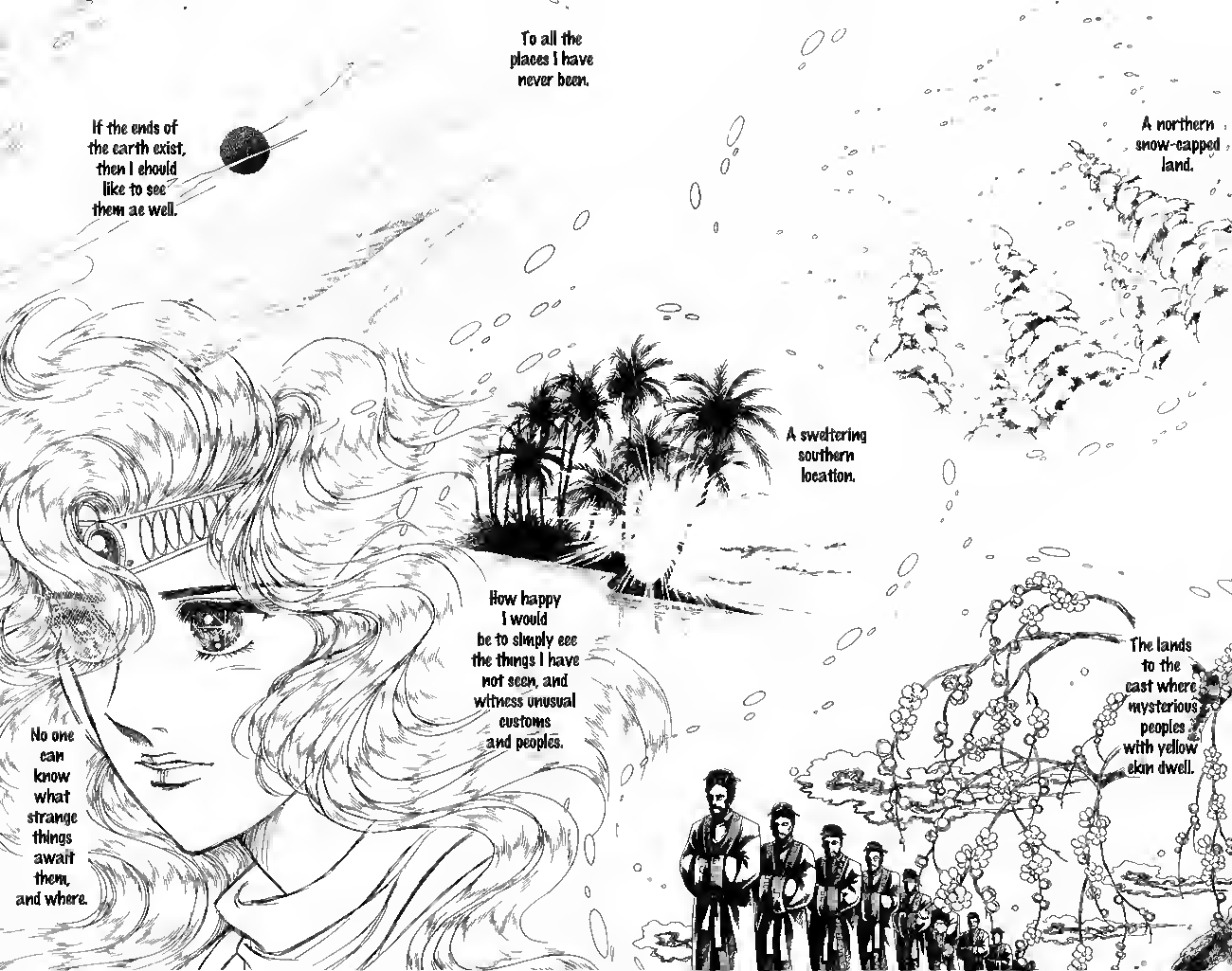
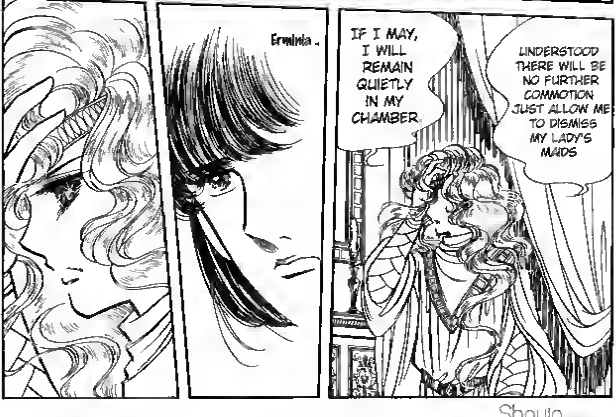

To all the places I have never been.
If the ends of the earth exist, then I should like to see them as well.
A northern snow-capped land.
A sweltering southern location.
How happy I would be to simply see the things I have not seen, and witness unusual customs and peoples.
No one can know what strange things await them, and where.
The lands to the east where mysterious peoples with yellow skin dwell.

IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY... IN COUNTRIES FORMERLY UNKNOWN... THE ECHO OF THE WORDS ALONE MAKES ME LONG FOR IT
DO YOU NOT THINK IT WOULD BE FANTASTIC TO DIE IN OBSCURITY IN A FAR-OFF LAND?
HOW CAN YOU SUGGEST SUCH A THING WHEN YOU WERE BORN IN PAROS, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND ABUNDANT LAND IN THE WORLD
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU WERE ATTACKED BY MONSTERS OR VILLAINS?
Chatter
Chatter
I SHOULD HATE TO BE IN SUCH A FRIGHTFUL WAY!
OH, MY, HOW DREADFUL!
Chatter
Chatter
DO NOT WEAR KINDLY FACES AND ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE ME WITH TRIVIAL TALK!
ENOUGH OF YOUR BANTER!!
KICK
CLANG
GRAH! YOU CANNOT BEWITCH ME WITH YOUR WORDS!

GGHH...
ALL OF YOU, GET OUT! LEAVE ME BE!
YOU FEMALE BIRDS!
IF YOU DO NOT GET OUT, THEN YOU WILL INCUR MINE!
WE WILL NOT DO ANYTHING TO INCUR HIS WRATH.
B- BY NO MEANS CAN WE DO THAT, MY LADY. HIS MAJESTY HAS ORDERED THAT YOU NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED.
ERMI-NIA!
AAH!
CRASSH
CRASS
CRASSH
WHAT WAS MY FATHER'S ORDER!? TO DROWN ME IN A WHIRLPOOL OF INANE CHATTER!?
OH, NO!
I REFUSE TO SPEAK WITH ANY OF YOU!

HE SAYS THAT IF YOU CONTINUE TO RAIL IN THIS MANNER, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED INSANE, AND LOCKED IN LANDS VALE TOWER.
CALM YOURSELF. THIS COMMOTION HAS REACHED HIS MAJESTY'S EAR.


Erwinia.
IF I MAY, I WILL REMAIN QUIETLY IN MY CHAMBER.
UNDERSTOOD THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER COMMOTION JUST ALLOW ME TO DISMISS MY LADY'S MAIDS

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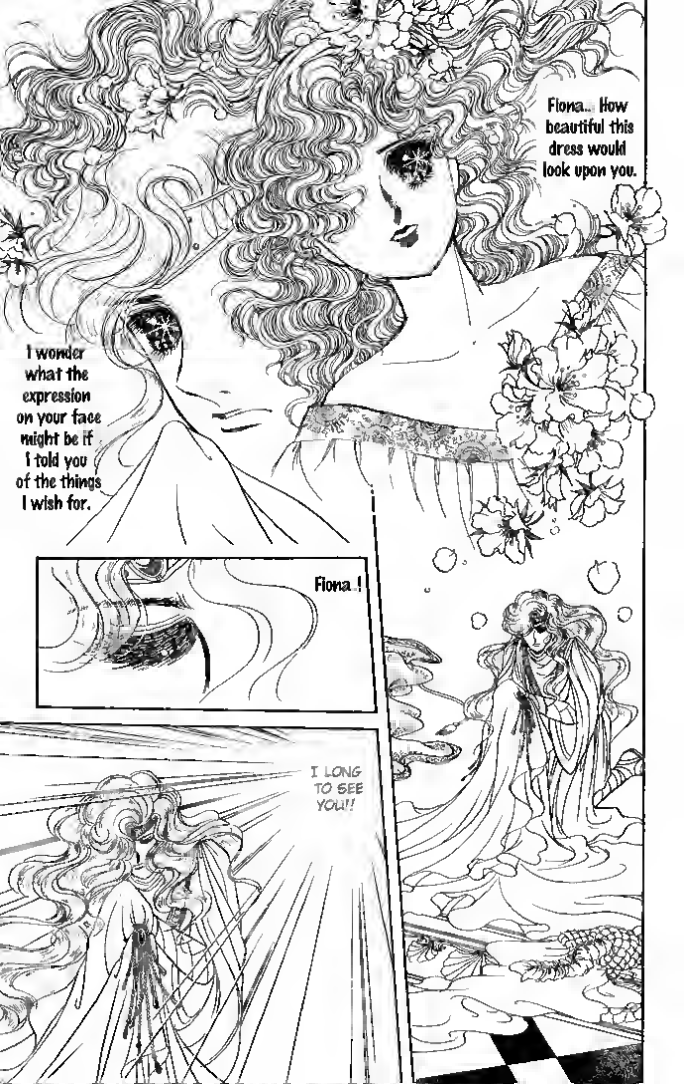
HIS MAJESTY HAS SAID YOU MAY DISMISS THEM IF YOU AGREE TO BEHAVE
I AM SO SORRY YURIAS
MY HEAD HAS BEEN SPINNING VIOLENTLY FOR THREE DAYS
IN JUST SEVEN DAYS I AM TO SOMEHOW CHOOSE WHOM I WILL MARRY.
I WONDER IF I SHOULD SELECT THE MOST RIDICULOUS AND FOUL-LOOKING MAN IN THE KINGDOM OF PAROS
OR SOMEONE WITH A FACE SO HORRIBLE THAT NONE CAN BEAR TO LOOK UPON IT TWICE
ERMINIA!!

MY LADY'S MAIDS WERE SQUEALING THAT A WOMAN WHO DIES WITHOUT EVER KNOWING A MAN IS CURSED.
THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT PUTTING MY BODY INTO A FRILLY FROCK WILL NOT CHANGE WHO I ALREADY AM INSIDE!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
IT IS NO JOKE!
THIS IS WHAT I HAVE BEEN TOLD TO WEAR!
Erminia..!
IS THERE NOTHING I CAN DO TO SAVE YOU FROM YOUR SUFFERING?
NOTHING AS LONG AS YOU SEE ME AS A FOSTER BROTHER RATHER THAN A FULL MAN..!

How can I save you from your suffering...
How...

LADY PRINCESS... YOUR CANDLES
I DO NOT NEED THEM LIT. MIND THEM NOT. I WISH TO REMAIN LIKE THIS A WHILE LONGER
Y- YES, MY LADY...


Fiona... How beautiful this dress would look upon you.
I wonder what the expression on your face might be if I told you of the things I wish for.
Fiona !
I LONG TO SEE YOU!!

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